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## NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA

## April 1, 2006 TO June 30, 2006
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## Dean Manahan

HAMILTON — Dean G. Manahan, 82, of Hamilton died Friday, March 31, 2006, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

Mr. Manahan worked as a mechanic for the Steuben County Highway Department, the Angola Ford dealership, Northwest Materials and Prairie Heights School Corp., retiring in 1986.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from Jan. 25, 1945, to Sept. 9, 1946. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423 for more than 50 years. He also was an avid fisherman, camper, hunter and gardener.

He was born March 9, 1924, in Jackson Township near Angola to Glenn L. and Hilda Mae (Leas) Manahan.

He married Leona (Everitt) Manahan on Jan. 25, 1945, in Angola. She died July 15, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Rosalyn Manahan of Angola, Terry and Judy Manahan of Angola and Barry and Sharon Manahan of Hamilton; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Patrick and Mindy Manahan, Kelly and Missy Manahan, Corey and Autumn Manahan, Casey and Chantell Manahan, Michelle and Peter Crowl, Chris and Tangi Manahan, Lisa and Kurt Ellert and Amanda Manahan; nine great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Robert Everitt; three sisters-in-law, Alice Aldrich, Maxine Manahan and Georgia Manahan; and a special friend, Betty Waite of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Van Manahan and Don Manahan; and a sister, Beverly Manahan-Shultz.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. David Bowman will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in rural Angola, with a military graveside service by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a maintenance fund for Flint Cemetery, the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department and Orland American Legion Post 423.

## Betty Skinner

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jo Skinner, 78, of Kendallville and formerly of Portland died Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She had worked as a nurse's aide and had attended West Walnut Street Church of Christ. She had lived in the Kendallville area for nine years.

She was born Dec. 24, 1927, in Poling to Fred and Mary (Chrisman) Councilman.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Melody Skinner of Kendallville; a daughter, Bethany Skinner of Indianapolis; a brother, Pete Councilman of Portland; three sisters, Lilyan Byrd of Sebring, Fla., and Connie Hearn and June Wells, both of Portland; and two granddaughters, Tiffany Skinner and Taylor Skinner.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland. Pastor Thomas Clothier will officiate. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to First Christian Academy, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

## Charles Lemster

VALPARAISO — Charles R. Lemster, 83, of Morgan Township, Valparaiso died Friday, March 31, 2006, at the Porter Valparaiso Campus.

Mr. Lemster was employed by the Valparaiso Water Works for 38 years.

He was born Feb. 25, 1923, in Valparaiso to William and Augusta (Taedt-Moler) Lemster. He married Lois Jean Wilson on April 1, 1944, in Crown Point. She preceded him in death in 1999.

Mr. Lemster is survived by seven children and their spouses, Charle Balon of Valparaiso, Jule Gannon of Fremont, Gale and John Arnett of Valparaiso, Laurle and Ben Clemons of Madison, Dick and Kay Lemster of LaCrosse, Erick Lemster of Valparaiso and Kristle and Darrell Crider of Kouts; 16 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Edna Danford of Dubois.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Charles; two brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Kosanke Funeral Home in Kouts. Pastor Jack Balon will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Kouts.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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## Paul Herman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Paul G. Herman, 74, of Edgerton, Ohio, died early on Thursday, March 30, 2006, in the Ohio Veterans Home at Sandusky, Ohio, where he had been a resident.

**Mr. Herman**

Mr. Herman was self-employed as a farmer and also was employed as a mechanic with Liechty Farm Equipment in Edgerton, Ohio, for 30 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served in the Korean Conflict. He was a member and past commander of John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the American Legion in Edgerton. His memberships also included St. Mary Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council No. 1494 in Edgerton and Butler Eagles Aerie No. 2733.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1931, in Holgate, Ohio, to Leonard X. and Cecil M. (Long) Herman.

He married Willa Dean Rowan on June 22, 1957, in Edgerton, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Timothy, Jerry, Larry and Sherry, and Louis and Mindi, all of Edgerton, and Joseph and Janice of Montpelier, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Therese and Eric Carlson of Butler and Barbara and Kim Carlson and Jennifer and Dean Lorentz, all of Edgerton; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother and sister in-law, John and Crystal Herman of Perry, N.Y.; and three sisters, Sister Marie Herman, O.S.F. and Sister Marcella Herman, O.S.F., both of Tiffin, Ohio, and Alice Moriarty of Napoleon, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Edward; and one sister, Sister Carol Herman, O.S.F.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery with graveside military rites by John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the American Legion, Edgerton.

Calling will be at Krill Funeral Home from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, with a Scripture service at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

## Kelley Mohler

CHURUBUSCO — Kelley Lea Mohler, 33, of rural Churubusco died unexpectedly Thursday, March 30, 2006, at her home.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey S. Mohler of Avilla; her parents, Stephen F. and Linda (Buckner) Stephens of Avilla; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Kristine and Raymond Webster of Mishawaka, Tracy and Ed Wright of Fort Wayne and Stephanie J. and Lyle Radecki of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian C. and Noelani Stephens of Churubusco; her grandparents, Norma and Barnie Trimble of Utopia, Texas, and Thomas and Marie Buckner of Paris, Texas; a companion, Barry Anderson of Churubusco; two nieces; and four nephews.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Alpha Hughart

SHIPSHEWANA — Alpha Edana Hughart, 78, of Shipshewana died at 1 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2006, at Elkhart Hospital following a short illness caused by a stroke.

A 40-year resident of Indiana, Mrs. Hughart retired from Bristol Products after 17 years of employment. She sang in the church choir at Faith Baptist, where she was a member, and taught Sunday school for 15 years. She loved her grandchildren.

She was born Jan. 24, 1928, in Charleston, W.Va., to Andrew and Lily (Flowers) Tignor. She married Harold Hughart on Oct. 31, 1950. He survives.

Mrs. Hughart is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Rick Rassi and Patricia and Andrew Chesher, all of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, Clarence and Debbie Hughart of Charleston; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and three brothers, Jack Tignor and Bobby Tignor, both of Charleston, and Glen Tignor of Raleigh, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Oreta Skeen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Faith Baptist Church in Middlebury. The Rev. Don Chesher will officiate. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the church and one hour prior to services Monday.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church for a new playground at the future church.

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April 2, 2006, Sunday

# Mr. Stytle enjoyed being police officer

**BY MICHAEL MARTURELLO**
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HAMILTON — Bob Stytle loved helping people and he loved being a police officer.

The former Hamilton deputy town marshal ended his career early, though, due to illness, said Hamilton Marshal Joe Patterson. Stytle's life was cut short, too, ending on March 16. He was 59.

"He loved law enforcement," said Mr. Stytle's mother, Eleanor Chevillot of Hamilton.

"He loved coming to work, he loved his job," said Patterson.

Mr. Stytle served in Vietnam as a helicopter gunner. Upon leaving the service, he returned home. Eventually he went to work at the Hamilton Town Marshal's office, starting out working with Marshal Jimmy James.

*"He loved coming to work, he loved his job."*

**Joe Patterson**
Hamilton Town Marshal

When Patterson came aboard, it was Mr. Stytle who trained him.

"He was my training officer," Patterson said.

Deputy Marshal Stytle worked the night shift, so he taught Patterson what to look for in Hamilton's streets, near the lake and the community in general.

"I always enjoyed working with him. He was fun to be around," Patterson said.

Patterson said Deputy Marshal Stytle enjoyed serving the people of the community.

Chevillot concurred, saying Deputy Marshal Stytle was committed to the law.

"He adapted well to that type of work," she said. "He liked people, oh, my yes."

Chevillot said she thought her son became interested in police work when on a visit to Alaska. There they stayed with an uncle who was a state trooper.

"That may have had some bearing on it," she said.

After his illness caught up with him, Mr. Stytle and his wife, Judy, moved to Kentucky.

"After he moved out of town he'd come back and visit and chew the fat," Patterson said.

Mr. Stytle died in Hazard ARH hospital in Kentucky. He and Judy lived in Dorton, Ky. His passing came as a blow to Patterson and Mr. Stytle's family.

"It was kind of a shock when I got that call that he passed away," Patterson said.

Chevillot said while the family knew his end was near, it was still very difficult to take.

Mr. Stytle also left behind a son, James Robert Stytle of Crawfordsville; a daughter, Margret Mae Easterling of Dorton; a granddaughter, Madalyn Shayne Easterling; and several half brothers and sisters.

The former deputy town marshal was laid to rest in a family plot in the Ballard Osborne Cemetery, Owl Branch of Dorton.

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## Helen Kimley

SILVER SPRINGS, Fla. — Helen Marie (Herendeen) Kimley, 84, formerly of Angola, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Sylvia's House in Silver Springs.

**Mrs. Kimley**

Mrs. Kimley was a 35-year employee of Weatherhead Co., Angola. She was a founding member of Angola Assembly of God Church, where she was an active board member of 17 years, a Sunday school teacher and was responsible for outreach ministries. After retiring to Florida, she became an active member of Forrest Assembly of God in Silver Springs. Her favorite saying was, "God is good all the time. All the time, God is good."

She was born Jan. 13, 1922, in Albion, Noble County, to Norman and Dora (Bortner) Becker. She married Raymond Howard Herendeen on Sept. 7, 1939. He preceded her in death on March 13, 1990. She then married John Kimley on Aug. 23, 1992. He survives.

Mrs. Kimley is also survived by two daughters, Sharon Lee Huss and Karen Sue Maxton; five grandchildren, Gene D. Huss, Daniel Lee Huss, Shari Linn Shaw, Shelia Jo Henderson and Tawnya Dinah Gurtner; and three great-grandchildren, Brigham Alan Gurtner, Tiffany Denae Gurtner and Kody LaVon Henderson.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Allen Becker and Earl Becker.

Services were Friday, March 24, at Forrest Assembly of God Church. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Ocala, Fla.

Memorials are to Forrest Assembly of God Church, 17530 E. Hwy 40, Silver Springs, FL 34488. Gideon Bibles will be purchased in honor of Mrs. Kimley.

## Ruth Moyer

AUBURN — Ruth N. Moyer, 90, died Friday, March 31, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moyer worked in the deli department at Whites Westwood and Owens Supermarket for over 19 years, retiring in 1986.

She was born Aug. 30, 1915, in Fremont, Ohio, to Webb and Clara (Krauss) Kerns. She married Ermil Moyer on July 19, 1940, in Port Clinton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1978.

Mrs. Moyer is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Earl Warstler of Hamilton; two brothers, Ervin Kerns and Harold Kerns, both of Fremont; a sister, Evelyn Hartley of Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren, Steven Warstler, Douglas Warstler, Jeffery Warstler and Susan Erwin; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Helen King and Eileen Hartley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Russ Howard will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

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## Kelley Mohler

CHURUBUSCO — Kelley Lea Mohler, 33, of rural Churubusco died unexpectedly Thursday, March 30, 2006, at her home.

Ms. Mohler was born Jan. 29, 1973, in Fort Wayne to Stephen F. and Linda J. (Buckner) Stephens. She spent all her life in the Churubusco-area and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1991. She received her licensed practical nurse degree from Ivy Tech School of Nursing.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey S. Mohler of Avilla; her parents in Avilla; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Kristine and Raymond Webster of Mishawaka, Tracy and Ed Wright of Fort Wayne and Stephanie J. and Lyle Radecki of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian C. and Noelani Stephens of Churubusco; her grandparents, Norma and Barnie Trimble of Utopia, Texas, and Thomas and Marie Buckner of Paris, Texas; a companion, Barry Anderson of Churubusco; two nieces; and four nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Rick Van Horn of Believer's Bible Fellowship will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Lera Bender

**Mrs. Bender**

ALBION — Lera L. Bender, 95, of Albion died Friday, March 31, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. A lifelong Albion resident, Mrs. Bender had worked in the production of wire harnesses. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist church, Rebeckah Lodge No. 92, York Township Home Ec Club and the Old Jail Museum. She was active at her church and was an avid reader. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting and especially enjoyed history. For many years, she was responsible for putting flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day.

She was born Dec. 21, 1910, in Paulding, Ohio, to Fred S. and Ida Katherine (Grooms) Long. She married Ralph E. Bender on Aug. 27, 1934, in Albion. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bender is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Harold A. and Pat Bender of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Lynn Ford of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Ina Gehrig; a brother, Alton Long; two sisters, Velva Martin and Isabell Hoover; a grandchild; and a stepgrandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Asbury United Methodist Church. The Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society or Parkview Noble Hospice.

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April 3, 2006, Monday

## Laurel Gaff

COLUMBIA CITY — Laurel E. Gaff, 81, of Columbia City died at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient two months.

Mr. Gaff grew up in Noble County and operated a farm and stock truck business for many years in Green Township. He had also been employed at W.A. Jones & Son in Columbia City for more than 35 years.

He and his wife had moved to Columbia City in 1987.

He was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Noble County to Milo and Abby (Ott) Gaff. He married Jean Heintzelman. She died 1993.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ken Gaff of Columbia City and Randy and Diana Gaff of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, LaDonna and Joel Hoehn of Ossian; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Neda Gaff of Ligonier; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Terry Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and two hours prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

## Edith Neuhaus

FORT WAYNE — Edith E. Neuhaus, 89, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Neuhaus was a native of St. Mary's, Ohio.

She had been employed as a cook at the Lamp Post Restaurant for 20 years, retiring in 1980.

Mrs. Neuhaus was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Neuhaus of Leesburg, Donald Neuhaus of Auburn and Kenneth Neuhaus of Sarasota, Fla.; two daughters, Mary Ann McKee of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Trisha Gensic of Durham, N.C.; two sisters, Alma Neuhaus of Fort Wayne and Sister Julia Feltz, SSJ, of Bluffton; 30 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons and two daughters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 518 E. DeWald St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or to the donor's choice.

## Dorothy Culbertson

AUBURN — Dorothy Culbertson, 101, of Auburn died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Culbertson was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 29, 1904, in Auburn to James and Anna (Baughman) Wilson.

She married Vernon V. Culbertson on Sept. 29, 1921, in Hillsdale County, Mich. He died May 10, 1967.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Vernon D. Culbertson of Auburn and William and Julia Culbertson of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and David Carmer of Bermuda Dunes, Calif.; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; one daughter, Beverly Culbertson; one sister, Trudy Dunn; two brothers, Hubert Wilson and Ford Wilson; and one great-grandson.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of Auburn or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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## Leona Klinger

AUBURN — Leona M. Klinger, 91, died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Klinger worked as a seamstress for Predmore Dry Cleaners for more than 13 years before retiring in the 1960s. She then was a self-employed seamstress until the 1980s.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 17, 1914, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Andrew W. and Selma E. (Yeager) Eisel.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, George and Glema Klinger of Angola; three granddaughters and their husbands, Tina and Joe Buchs of Waterloo, Lori and Audie Blaylock of Garrett, and Valerie and Dan Roby of Fremont; 11 great-grandchildren and their spouses, Mark and Heather Buchs of Florida, Mary Buchs of Auburn, Marcia and Keith Groff of Waterloo, Matthew Buchs of Georgia, Dawn Bair of Fort Wayne, Daniel and Faith Bair of Illinois, Rebekah Bair and Lydia Bair, both of Garrett, Shawna Klinger of Fort Wayne, and Adam Barton and Beth Barton, both of Angola; and three great-great grandchildren, Dalton, Dylan and Haylee Buchs, all of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mathias Klinger; one brother and two sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

## Mansford Hatton Jr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Mansford "Junior" Hatton Jr. of Shipshewana died at 12:49 a.m. today, Monday, April 3, 2006, at his home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Hutchins Funeral Home) in Wolcottville.

## Blanche Dunham

ANGOLA — Blanche L. Dunham, 93, of Angola died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Dunham was born Feb. 2, 1913, in Solsberry to James and Emma (McDaniel) Burke. She married Kenneth L. Dunham in 1938, and he preceded her in death in 1966.

She belonged to Fremont American Legion Post No. 257 Auxiliary and the Northwest Grange. At one time she was employed at Kukhahan's Tavern in Camden, Mich.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Roberta Miller of Orland and Sharon and Fred Smith of Fremont; a son, John Beres of Montpelier, Ohio; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also proceeded in death by two sons, a daughter, three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the George White Funeral Home, Camden, with the Rev. Glen Prine officiating. Burial will be in Camden Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Mount Union Christian Union Church.

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## Anna McDonald

MONROEVILLE — Anna McDonald, 85, died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at 5:30 a.m. in Hospice Home of Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for one day.

Mrs. McDonald had been a resident of Monroeville until she moved to Harborside nursing home of New Haven in August 2005.

She graduated from St. Marys Memorial High School and attended International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She worked at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima, Ohio, at Adams County Memorial Hospital in medical records from 1965 to 1977 and at the Northeastern Center in DeKalb County from 1977 to 1985.

She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ at Magley.

She was born Dec. 11, 1920, in St. Marys, Ohio, to Noah and Matilda (Rohrbach) Badertscher.

She married Robert T. McDonald on Nov. 27, 1948, in St. Marys, Ohio. He died May 7, 1991.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Kay Ellen Warner of Auburn, Lois A. and Thomas Miller of Fort Wayne, Julia H. and Dean Smith of Monroeville and Kathleen and David Meyer of Yoder; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, Albert, Arthur, Paul, Leon, Crist and Don Badertscher, and one sister, Esther Longworth.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home at Decatur. Pastor Jean Carmean will officiate. Burial will be in Salem United Church of Christ cemetery at Magley.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salem United Church of Christ and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent and an online guestbook may be signed at www.zwickjahn.com.

## Merle Ruby Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Merle E. Ruby Sr., 83, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Ruby was born on Oct. 8, 1922, in Lake Township, Allen County, near Arcola, to Glenn P. and Gladys M. Bowsman Ruby. His formative years were spent in Arcola, New Haven and Aboite Township. He was educated in the Arcola and New Haven Schools.

After completing his education, he helped on the family farm until being drafted into the U.S. Navy. He served 18 months in the South Pacific during World War II.

Following his discharge from military duty, he made his home in Arizona before returning to Fort Wayne, where he started his employment with the Perfection Bakery, retiring as the head baker in 1984 with 39 years of service.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Sharon Ruby of Kingwood, Texas, Paul G. and Dottie Ruby of Fremont and Merle E. Jr. and Dee Ruby of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Kathy and Jim Bailey of Fort Wayne; his mother, Gladys M. Ruby of Columbia City; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Monnebelle Hambleton of Fort Wayne and Gloria A. and Terry Smith of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Patty and Cathy in 1962; his father; two brothers, Gene and Glenn; and a sister, Dorothy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

THE NEWS SUN
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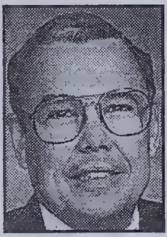
April 4, 2006, Tuesday

## Robert Ball

AUBURN — Robert D. Ball, 79, of Auburn died Sunday, April 2, 2006.

Mr. Ball was president and co-owner of Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1984.


**Mr. Ball**

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and served on the board of directors of Peoples Federal Savings Bank in Auburn. He was a former president of the DeKalb Central Schools board of education and was a member of the Auburn Lions Club.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Ball graduated from Auburn High School in 1944 and Purdue University in 1949.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian M. Ball of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen E. Ball and Thomas Twarek of Crawfordsville, Karen and Daniel Stephens of LaPorte and Micheline and Lyle Grate of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Elizabeth and Cameron Tware of Crawfordsville, Kaitlin and Bradley Stephens of LaPorte and Alex, Samuel and Hayley Grate of Auburn; a brother, Ronald Ball of Angola; and a sister, Mary Ann Stewart of Athens, Ga.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Ball, in 1998.

## Leona Klinger

AUBURN — A rosary service for Leona M. Klinger will begin tonight at 6 in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Klinger, 91, died Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

A full obituary appeared in Monday's edition, but the time for the rosary service has been changed.

Services will be Thursday a 10 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Lloyd A. Bickel and Pastor Roger Olsen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Church of Korea, in care of 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, IN 46706.

## Abraham Parnell

ASHLEY — Abraham John "Abe" Parnell, 26, of Ashley died Sunday, April 2, 2006, in Auburn.

Mr. Parnell was a certified nurse's aide and attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

**Mr. Parnell**

He was born March 7, 1980, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father, Tony Parnell of Alexandria; his mother and stepfather, Gary and Teresa (Bailey) Dove of Ashley; a son, Jeremiah Parnell of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a sister, Sarah Middleton of Ashley; three stepsisters, Kelly Leckner of Angola, Cherie Squire of Ashley and Jessica Dove of Ashley; two brothers, Luke Parnell of Ashley and Noah Parnell of Bloomington; two stepbrothers, Julian Dove of Ashley and Gary Dove Jr. of New York; his grandparents, James and Aletha Bailey of Fort Wayne, Jessie M. Dove of Ashley and Frances Parnell of Alexandria; and many friends.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl and Father Brian "Skip" Carsten officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

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## Norma Engle

ORLAND — Norma M. Engle, 78, of Orland died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Engle

Mrs. Engle was born Aug. 16, 1927, in Orland to Herman Sr. and Frances "Frannie" (Kentner) Straw. She was married to Willard D. Engle, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 1995.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from Orland High School in 1945 and was a member of SonLight Community Church in Angola and the Orland American Legion Auxiliary. She lived most of her life in Orland.

She enjoyed sports and was a Chicago Cubs fan. She had played shortstop for the Pre-Daisy Softball League. She collected baseball cards, enjoyed jigsaw and crossword puzzles and had a marble collection.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cindra and Ronald Graham of Angola; a son, Wesley Engle of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Rhonda Engle of Orland; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Annabelle and Marvin Morley of Toledo, Ohio, Elaine Conrad of New Haven and Marjorie and Richard Petty of Fremont; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert Straw of South Carolina and Herman Jr. "Frosty" and Frances Straw of Orland; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Gary D. Engle, on Nov. 1, 1998; her parents; a daughter-in-law, Jonda Engle, on Oct. 6, 1992; and four brothers, Louis Straw, Gordon Straw, Arden Straw and Buster Kentner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Mike Cain officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

## Margaret Dafforn

ANGOLA — Margaret I. Dafforn, 93, of Angola died Monday, April 3, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Dafforn was born in Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Paul J. Dafforn of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Gwen Brown and Jackie Hanna, both of Angola; a sister, Gladys Leibson of Cincinnati, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul W. Daffron; a son, Michael Daffron; and a grandson, Jimmy Partridge.

Private services will be held. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangments.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, Nevada Mills.

## Elleen Addington

PORTLAND — Elleen L. Addington, 87, of Portland died Monday, April 3, 2006, at Americare Living Center in Portland.

Services are pending at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home.

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## Mansford Hatton Jr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Mansford "Junior" Hatton Jr., 70, of Shipshewana died at 12:49 a.m. Monday, April 3, 2006, at his home.

**Mr. Hatton**

Mr. Hatton had retired in 1993 from Harris-Kayot in Fort Wayne and had lived in LaGrange County since 1976.

He enjoyed playing country and bluegrass music.

Mr. Hatton was born April 7, 1935, in Hindman, Ky., to Mansford Sr. and Della (Brewer) Hatton. He married Nancy Pauline Wilder on Nov. 2, 1973, in Georgia. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Tammy Hatton, Penny Hatton and Linda Hatton, all of Ohio; a stepson and his wife, Terry and Edda Sue Harbert of Bristol; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Jonney Hatton of South Carolina; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Juanita and Robert Watkins of Dayton, Ohio, Geneva Miller of Ontario, Ind., Wanda Trent and Madeline and Wayne Pierce, all of Albertine, Ga.; three grandchildren, William Harbert Jr., Matthew Harbert and Nancy Leeann Harbert; and a special niece, Melissa Boggs of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Bill Harbert, Matt Harbert, Mike Miller, Bill Hall, Jason Boggs and Steven Miller.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Hutchins Funeral Home) in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

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## GUILTY: *Judge issues nine facts behind his ruling*

# Guilty in OWI death

## Albion woman faces prison

**BY BOB BRALEY**
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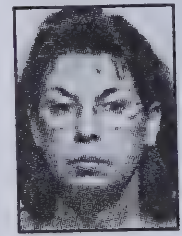
COLUMBIA CITY — A judge found an Albion woman guilty of two drunken driving resulting in death charges Tuesday in Whitley Circuit Court.

The judge presided over a bench trial in the case on March 8. He issued his ruling Tuesday.

Lori A. Pulley, 44, of Albion was found guilty Tuesday of operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death, a Class C felony, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated per se causing death, a Class C felony.



Pulley

Under Indiana law, a Class C felony conviction carries a sentence of two to eight years in prison and a fine up to $10,000.

The per se charge relates to Pulley's blood-alcohol content of 0.12 percent at the time of the offense.

Pulley was convicted for the Oct. 2, 2005, death of Grant A. Reilly, 19, of Columbia City, who she struck as he was walking northward in the middle of S.R. 109 just south of the Noble County line at 1:02 a.m.

At her bench trial March 8, Pulley pleaded guilty to failure to stop after an accident resulting in death, a Class C felony. She will be sentenced for the new offenses at the same time as sentencing in the failure to stop charge Tuesday.

At the one-day trial, defense attorney Charles Leonard of Fort Wayne argued that the victim was himself intoxicated, and that he contributed more to his death than Pulley did.

In his ruling Tuesday, Whitley Circuit Judge James Heuer said state law requires that the defendant's conduct be a substantial cause of the accident for her to be found guilty, even though Reilly's actions contributed to his own death.

There were nine facts that established beyond a reasonable doubt that Pulley was a substantial cause of Reilly's death, Heuer said:

- Her blood-alcohol content was 50 percent higher than the legal limit 1 1/2 hours after the collision;
- There was extensive front-end damage to the vehicle indicating a violent collision, yet she left the scene, failed to render aid and failed to contact police until after she arrived home;
- She was confused as to what had happened;
- She failed to apply brakes or take any other evasive action before impact;
- She was not aware of Reilly prior to impact;
- She was distracted by her radio and music being played;
- A southbound driver saw Reilly and avoided him without incident;
- A northbound driver traveling at 60 mph also saw him and avoided him without incident; and
- Common sense indicates Pulley's statement that she consumed two beers earlier in the evening as her only alcohol consumption is "less than credible" in light of breath and blood test results.

Because the two OWI offenses relate to the same criminal act, the per se will be merged into the other OWI causing death charge, a Whitley County Prosecutor's Office spokeswoman said.

Since the two remaining charges against Pulley could be considered to be part of the same crime, the law may require that they be served at the same time. If so, that would mean she could receive no more prison time for the two charges together than she would get for one of them alone.

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## Donald Hostetler

FREMONT — Donald Ray Hostetler, 78, of Fremont died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Hostetler was born March 4, 1928, in Logan County, Ohio, to Dwight and Mary (Early) Hostetler. He married Florence Small on April 30, 1949, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was the owner of the Family Shoe-Inn in Angola for 10 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of Lake Area Christian Church and Fremont American Legion Post No. 257. He was a Boy Scout master and an Explorer Post leader.

Also surviving are two sons, Jon Hostetler of Kendallville and Ronald Hostetler of Fremont; a daughter, Julie Pierce of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a brother, Richard Hostetler of Fremont; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at noon Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Scott Saltsman officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. Military services will be conducted at the funeral home by members of Fremont American Legion Post No. 257.

Memorials are to Lake Area Christian Church or Cameron Hospice.

## Everett Pardue

ANGOLA — Memorial services have been set for former Angola resident Everett Pardue, 76.

Mr. Pardue died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, in Florida.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, and luncheon will be held at 11:45 a.m.

## Charles Bromley

CLAYPOOL — Charles E. "Chuck" Bromley, 51, of rural Kosciusko County died at 1:45 a.m. Monday, April 3, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bromley was self-employed and known by many as "The Junk Man." He and his wife had lived at their current address on County Farm Road the past 11 years.

His formative years were spent near North Webster, and he completed his education at North Webster School.

He was born June 8, 1954, in Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake to Floyd and Evlon (Harrington) Bromley. They are deceased.

He married Terry E. Quello on Sept. 24, 1974. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Katherine and Tony Leek of Warsaw; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and James Elliot of Etna Green and Shirley and Ron Richard of Avilla; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Donald and Aloralee Bromley of South Whitley, Earl and Linda Bromley and William and Bert Bromley, all of Columbia City, Ronald and Elizabeth Bromley of Albion and Arnold Bromley of Columbia City; and a granddaughter, Misty Rose Leek.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and David.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Ronnie Samms officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smihtandsonsfuneralhome.com.

## Ted Bostick Sr.

LAGRANGE — Ted Glen Bostick Sr., 80, of LaGrange died Tuesday, April 4, 2006, in Life Care Center of LaGrange where he had been a resident 10 years.

Mr. Bostick

Mr. Bostick had lived in Rome City since 1965 and had moved to the area from Kentucky.

He had retired in 1989 as a mold repairman at Monsanto in Ligonier.

Mr. Bostick was U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

He was born Jan. 14, 1926, in Henrietta, Tenn., to Frank and Rosa (Foster) Bostick. He married Bethana R. Ritchie on March 31, 1951, in Knott County, Ky. She died May 23, 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ted Jr. and Jarurat Bostick of Howe; a daughter-in-law, Laura Bostick of Rome City; three grandchildren, Beth, Jason and Sarah; and four great-grandchildren, Shannon M., Christian T., Aaron James and Canyon.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, formerly Hutchins Funeral Home, with the Rev. Charles Witt officiating.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

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## Edwin McCarty

SYRACUSE — Edwin "Pat" McCarty, 85, of Syracuse died Sunday, April 2, 2006, in Angle River in Evansville.

He had moved to Syracuse in 1932 from Huntington.

**Mr. McCarty**

Mr. McCarty was a retired self-employed real estate agent.

He was a 1939 graduate of Syracuse High School and 1984 graduate of Butler University.

Mr. McCarty was a life member of the Syracuse American Legion and the Syracuse VFW post. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Syracuse, Elks Lodge in Ligonier, Sports Car Club of America, United States Auto Club, West Highland White Terrier Club and the Indianapolis 500 Old-timers Club.

He was born Feb. 3, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Edwin P. Sr. and Gladys M. (Whitlock) McCarty. He married Ann S. Spiegel on Dec. 28, 1946, in Indianapolis. She died in 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Kevin McCarty of Winneconne, Wis., and Patrick McCarty of Indianapolis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia Lynn and David Busch of Bloomington and Kim and Hugh Moors of Evansville; a sister, Joanne Messinger of Naples, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Terry McCarty.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to services.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

## Alice Preston

LISLE, Ill. — Alice Marie Preston, 78, of Lisle died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at Westbury Care Center in Lisle.

Mrs. Preston attended Upland College in Upland, Calif., for two years and Goshen College in Goshen for two years, earning a liberal arts degree. She went on to receive a master's degree in foreign language from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.

She worked as a translator for the Foreign Trade Commission in Chicago for five years. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the Humane Society USA.

She was born Dec. 24, 1927, in DeKalb County to Elmer M. and Helen B. (Cramer) Foote. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Randall L. Preston of Lisle; a son and daughter-in-law, Bradley and Phyllis Preston of Naperville, Ill.; a sister, Isabelle Byer, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and a grandson, Christopher Anderson.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church on C.R. 7 in rural Garrett. Pastor Jerel Book will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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## Sylvia Carroll

AUBURN — Sylvia Louise Carroll, 65, of Auburn died Monday, April 3, 2006, at her home.

**Mrs. Carroll**

Mrs. Carroll was a nurse's aide. She worked at Glen Oaks and Oak Meadows nursing homes for 29 years, retiring in 2003. She then worked two days a week for Anthony Wayne Services.

She was a member of the DeKalb County Church of Christ and was a former Girl Scout leader. She served on the Committee of Human Rights for Rest Care for 29 years and was a basic skills teacher for Anthony Wayne Services. She was a former member of the Waterloo Fire Department Auxiliary.

She was born April 9, 1940, in Waterloo to Curtis and Flora Mae (Clear) Henderson. They preceded her in death.

She married Barry R. Carroll on Feb. 5, 1961, in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Lisa Carroll of Kendallville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Ron Getts of Hamilton, Michelle and Dave Stritmatter of Garrett and Leigh Rodman and Thomas Rodman Jr. of Auburn; a sister, Phyllis Willard of Butler; three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, David and Jane Carroll of Auburn, Richard and Julie Carroll of Lawton, Okla., and Paul and Sandy Carroll of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Lorrine Henderson of Garrett and Alice Henderson of Waterloo; 13 grandchildren, Dennis, Jason and Amy Carroll, Jamie, Allison and Rachel Getts, Amanda, Aaron and Joseph Stritmatter and Isaiah, Eli, Linden and Jarrett Rodman; and three great-grandchildren, Corbin, Jaylin and Hunter Carroll.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Hazel Henderson; and four brothers, Dale, Alvin, Gerald and Glen Henderson.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Bill Baker officiating. Burial will be in the Big Run Cemetery in rural Butler.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 5, 2006, Wednesday

## Lera L. Bender, 95

ALBION – Lera L. Bender, 95, of Albion died Friday, March 31, 2006 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A lifelong Albion resident, Mrs. Bender had worked in the production of wire harnesses. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Rebeckah Lodge # 92, York Township Home Ec Club and the Old Jail Museum.

She was active at her church and was an avid reader. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting and especially enjoyed history. For many years, she was responsible for putting flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day.

She was born Dec. 21, 1910, in Paulding, Ohio, to Fred S. and Ida Katherine (Grooms) Long. She married Ralph E. Bender on Aug. 27, 1934 in Albion. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bender is survived by Harold A. and (Pat) Bender of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Lynn Ford of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Ina Gehrig; a brother, Alton Long; two sisters, Velva Martin and Isabell Hoover; a grandchild; and a stepgrandchild.

Services were held Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at Asbury United Methodist Church. The Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiated. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society or Parkview Noble Hospice.

## Beverly Barkey, 59

TOPEKA – Beverly E. Barkey, 59, of Topeka died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Miss Barkey was a lifetime area resident.

She enjoyed reading books and painting patterns for pillowcases as a hobby.

She was born July 31, 1946, in Angola to Otho Barkey and Bermuda (Vaughn) Blake. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a son, Clyde Barkey of Ligonier; a daughter, Emma Barkey of Cromwell; two brothers, Bert Barkey of Topeka and Earl Wilson of Albion; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Wyatt and Ralph Wilson.

Services were March 30, 2006(?) at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery in Ligonier.

***The Franklin R. Jacob Family wishes to express their thanks and gratitude to Dr. Warrener, the Albion Fire Department First Responders, the ER and all the staff at Parkview Noble Hospital, DMH Home Health Services, the many friends and family for their prayers, their visits, their cards, the many gifts of food, to Pastor Ringenberg and the Brazzell Funeral Home. Your kindness and help during his illness will always be remembered. God bless you.***

***Dolores, Steven, Stanley and Families***

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 5, 2006, Wednesday

## Laurel E. Gaff, 81

COLUMBIA CITY – Laurel E. Gaff, 81, a resident of Columbia City, died at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006, in the Lutheran Hospital. He had been a patient in the Fort Wayne hospital for the past two months.

He was born on August 19, 1924, in Noble County, a son of Milo and Abby Ott Gaff. His formative years were spent on a farm in Green Township, Noble County. After graduating from the Churubusco High School, he started farming in Green Township. He also owned and operated a stock truck for many years. In addition to farming, Mr. Gaff was employed by the W.A. Jones & Son in Columbia City for more than thirty-five years.

His marriage was to Jean Heintzelman and they made their home on a farm in Green Township until moving to their present home in Columbia City in 1987. Mrs. Gaff died in 1993.

The surviving relatives include two sons, Ken Gaff, Columbia City, Randy (Diana) Gaff, Churubusco; a daughter, LaDonna (Joel) Hoehn, Ossian; seven grandchildren, Kelly (Tim) Robertson, Flushing, MI, Kevin Burdi, Chandler, AZ, Toby (Jen) Gaff, Troy (Jill) Gaff, Brett (Shaina) Gaff all of Churubusco, Kortney Gaff, Schaumburg, IL and Heather Hoehn, Ossian; five great-grandchildren and a brother, Robert (Neda) Gaff of Ligonier.

The funeral service will be held Friday, April 7, 2006, in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with the Rev. Terry Zolman, pastor of the Merriam Christian Chapel Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and two hours before the service on Friday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund; 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

## Kelley Mohler, 33

CHURUBUSCO – Kelley Lea Mohler, 33, of rural Churubusco died unexpectedly Thursday, March 30, 2006, at her home.

Ms. Mohler was born Jan. 29, 1973, in Fort Wayne to Stephen F. and Linda J. (Buckner) Stephens. She spent all her life in the Churubusco-area and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1991. She received her licensed practical nurse degree from Ivy Tech School of Nursing.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey S. Mohler of Avilla; her parents in Avilla; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Kristine and Raymond Webster of Mishawaka, Tracy and Ed Wright of Fort Wayne and Stephanie J. and Lyle Radecki of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian C. and Noelani Stephens of Churubusco; her grandparents, Norma and Barnie Trimble of Utopia, Texas, and Thomas and Marie Buckner of Paris, Texas; a companion, Barry Anderson of Churubusco; two nieces; and four nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Rick Van Horn of Believer's Bible Fellowship officiated. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Catherine Felger, 93

CHURUBUSCO – Catherine Pauline Felger, age 93, a resident of her daughter's home for nine years, died early Friday, March 31, 2006, morning at the residence following an extended illness. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Lake Twp., a former Farm Bureau District Women's Leader, and a homemaker. She spent her formative years in the Churubusco area and adult life on a farm in Eel River Twp befsore moving to Fort Wayne in 1978.

Catherine was born March 13, 1913 in Green Twp. Noble County, a duaghter of Charles and Margaret (Bower) Brumbaugh. She was united in marriage on August 4, 1934 in Allen County, Indiana to George Felger, Jr.

Mr. Felger died February 2, 1987.

Survivors include her son Paul LE. Felger of Churubusco, Indiana, and her daughter Margaret Gaff of Fort Wayne, her brother Charles Burmbaugh of Angola, Indiana, her two sisters Ruth Dirig of Fort Wayne, and Phyllis Rockvam of Las Vegas, Nev., her seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a duaghter Marjorie Merlino, a son-in-law Ronald Gaff and a grandson Greg Gaff.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 3, 2006, in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus officiating. Burial followed in the Eel River Cemetery, Allen County, Indiana.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the St. John's Lutheran Church, Lake Twp.

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## Daniel Gilbert

LAGRANGE — Daniel Raymond Gilbert, 89, died Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at his Royer Lake home.

He had been a self-employed carpenter all of his life.

Mr. Gilbert graduated from Wells County High School. He then entered the U.S. Navy and served his country from 1943 to 1945.

He was a lifetime member of Rome City American Legion Post 381 and a member of First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange.

Mr. Gilbert was born July 19, 1916, in Wells County to Charles and Sarah (Schwartz) Gilbert. He married Eunice Irene Kauffman on March 29, 1941, in Wells County. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and John Trowbridge of Royer Lake; a sister, Dortha Evans of New Lothrop, Mich.; a brother, Dwight Gilbert of Bluffton; two grandchildren and their spouses, Steven and Kara Trowbridge and Brandi and Joseph Henderson, all of Kendallville; and three great-grandchildren, Brock, Bryce and Bryn Trowbridge.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marguerite Augsburger.

Graveside services were today at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with Pastor Robert Farmer officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Marion Rink

AUBURN — Marion J. Rink, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 5, 2005, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Rink owned and operated the House of Spirits in Auburn from 1966 until he retired in 1985. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and was a charter member of the Auburn Elks Lodge.

He was born in Garrett on June 29, 1922, to Marion J. and Wanita (Soules) Rink. They preceded him in death.

He married Marjorie Tritch on Feb. 1, 1942. She died April 17, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Leo Clark Middaugh of Sugar Grove, Ohio; a son, Gary Rink of San Francisco, Calif.; a brother, Robert Rink of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Justin Middaugh and his wife, Marisa, and Sarah Middaugh and her fiance, Adam Staley.

He was preceded in death by two half brothers, Earl and Richard Chorpenning; and a half sister, Pat Springmen.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center, 1752 Wesley Road, Auburn, IN 46706.

## Edna Parker

**Mrs. Parker**

GARRETT — Edna L. Parker, 85, died Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at 10:15 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

A lifelong Garrett resident, Mrs. Parker was a homemaker. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and its Ladies Aid and LWML.

She was born Dec. 2, 1920, in Garrett to John and Ida (Wessel) Kleeman. They preceded her in death.

On Sept. 22, 1946, in Garrett, she married Robert W. "Bob" Parker. He died Oct. 17, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie "Mrs. Julie" and Larry Faulkner of Garrett and Karen Blackwell of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a son, Gary Parker of Syracuse; two grandsons, Paul Robert Faulkner of Garrett and Michael Landers of Port St. Lucie; and two granddaughters, Natasha and Alexis Landers, both of Port St. Lucie.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Zion Preschool.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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## Gloria Claxton

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Gloria Marie Claxton, 43, of Leo-Cedarville died April 5, 2006, after a battle with cancer.

She was the human resource manager for Fleetwood Homes in Garrett and a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Jeff; two daughters, Katie and Jessica; her parents, Romie and Lorraine Zanetti of Elkhart; a sister, Linda Anderson of Dallas, Texas; eight brothers and six sisters-in-law; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 S. St. Joe Road, with Father Mark Gurtner officiating. Burial will be at Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8:30 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Leo-Grabill Girls Softball League and Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

## Tessa Perkins

AUBURN — Tessa Noi Perkins was stillborn Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are her parents, Adam Perkins and Sara Jessup of Auburn; a brother, Zachary Armstrong at home; grandparents Margaret Baker of Fort Wayne and Johnnie and Noi Perkins of Albuquerque, N.M.; and great-grandparents, Winifred Baker of Waterloo and Ted and Jean Perkins of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Taylor Jessup; and her grandfather, Larry Jessup.

Graveside services will be Saturday in the Woodburn Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

## Doris Fleetwood

FORT WAYNE — Doris M. Fleetwood, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at her home.

She was employed with Fort Wayne Community Schools for 23 years, retiring in 1986.

Surviving are her husband, Chester Fleetwood of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Barrie and Pamela Fleetwood of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Shianne and James Amstutz of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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## Thelma Walker

HUDSON — Thelma L. Walker, 102, of rural Hudson died Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Walker was born Sept. 21, 1903, in Greenfield to Ed and Eva S. (Warrick) Smelser. She was a member of the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Norman E. and Sally Walker and Jerry G. and Barb Walker, all of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Annie and Orville Dennis of Hudson, Betty and LeRoy Lawson of Waco, Texas, and Bonnie and Jack Flaugh of Kendallville; 27 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank L. Walker; two sons, Phillip and Donald Walker; a daughter, Helen Eileen Walker Mercer; three sisters, Guilia Kaul, Wilma Davidson and Audrey Reeves; and a brother, James Smelser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Revs. Ray Alexander and Loren Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

## Eileen Addington

PORTLAND — Eileen L. Addington, 87, of Portland died Monday, April 3, 2006, at the Americare Living Center in Portland.

Mrs. Addington was born Aug. 20, 1918, in Palestine, Ohio, to Harry and Hazel (Fellers) McClure. She graduated from Greenville High School in Greenville, Ohio, with the class of 1936. She married Raymond Addington on June 5, 1937, and he preceded her in death on March 18, 1980.

She was a member of the Red Hat Club of Portland and had attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Portland.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond "Sonny" Addington of Polson, Mo., and John Lee Addington of Fort Pierce, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Deolla and Glenn Bond of Portland, Linda Sue and Charles Chapman of Bear Lake and Mary Lou Beltz of Angola; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dave McClellan officiating. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, west of Portland.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

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# Albion woman guilty in death on highway

**BY BOB BRALEY**
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COLUMBIA CITY — A judge found an Albion woman guilty of two drunken driving resulting in death charges Tuesday in Whitley Circuit Court.

The judge presided over a bench trial in the case on March 8. He issued his ruling Tuesday.

Pulley

Lori A. Pulley, 44, of Albion was found guilty Tuesday of operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death, a Class C felony, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated per se causing death, a Class C felony.

Under Indiana law, a Class C felony conviction carries a sentence of two to eight years in prison and a fine up to $10,000.

The per se charge relates to Pulley's blood-alcohol content of 0.12 percent at the time of the offense.

Pulley was convicted for the Oct. 2, 2005, death of Grant A. Reilly, 19, of Columbia City, who she struck as he was walking northward in the middle of S.R. 109 just south of the Noble County line at 1:02 a.m.

At her bench trial March 8, Pulley pleaded guilty to failure to stop after an accident resulting in death, a Class C felony. She will be sentenced for the new offenses at the same time as sentencing in the failure to stop charge Tuesday.

At the one-day trial, defense attorney Charles Leonard of Fort Wayne argued that the victim was himself intoxicated, and that he contributed more to his death than Pulley did.

In his ruling Tuesday, Whitley Circuit Judge James Heuer said state law requires that the defendant's conduct be a substantial cause of the accident for her to be found guilty, even though Reilly's actions contributed to his own death.

There were nine facts that established beyond a reasonable doubt that Pulley was a substantial cause of Reilly's death, Heuer said:

- Her blood-alcohol content was 50 percent higher than the legal limit 1 1/2 hours after the collision;
- There was extensive front-end damage to the vehicle indicating a violent collision, yet she left the scene, failed to render aid and failed to contact police until after she arrived home;
- She was confused as to what had happened;
- She failed to apply brakes or take any other evasive action before impact;
- She was not aware of Reilly prior to impact;
- She was distracted by her radio and music being played;
- A southbound driver saw Reilly and avoided him without incident;
- A northbound driver traveling at 60 mph also saw him and avoided him without incident; and
- Common sense indicates Pulley's statement that she consumed two beers earlier in the evening as her only alcohol consumption is "less than credible" in light of breath and blood test results.

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## Laurel Gaff

COLUMBIA CITY — Laurel E. Gaff, 81, of Columbia City died at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient two months.

Mr. Gaff grew up in Noble County and operated a farm and stock truck business for many years in Green Township. He had also been employed at W.A. Jones & Son in Columbia City for more than 35 years.

He and his wife had moved to Columbia City in 1987.

He was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Noble County to Milo and Abby (Ott) Gaff. He married Jean Heintzelman. She died 1993.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ken Gaff of Columbia City and Randy and Diana Gaff of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, LaDonna and Joel Hoehn of Ossian; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Neda Gaff of Ligonier; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Terry Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today and two hours prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

## Darlo Cook

LIGONIER — Darlo R. Cook, 48, of Ligonier died Thursday, March 30, 2006, in Cromwell.

Mr. Cook was a group leader at Union Products International in Cromwell.

Mr. Cook

He had lived in Noble County since 1972.

Mr. Cook was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed riding motorcycles, mushroom hunting and fishing.

He was born July 13, 1957, in Elkhart to Darlo "Bade" and Carol Sue "Poff" Cook. They are deceased. He married Rosemary Noonan on May 7, 1988, in Cromwell. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Derek Cook and Joshua Cook, both of Ligonier; two daughters, Katrina Bench of Ligonier and Danielle Noonan of Fort Wayne; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Tony Lee and Renee Cook of Sturgis, Mich., Mark Cook and Willy Cook, both of Fort Wayne, Shane and Jenny Cook and Chad Cook, all of Elizabeth, Ky.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joy and Dave Miller and Cindy and Denny Anderson, all of Ligonier, and Dawn and Tommy Gibson of Elizabethtown; a grandchild, Nicholas Malagon of Ligonier; a grandmother, Helen Wiles of Ligonier; and his in-laws, Rick and Gloria Tackitt of North Webster.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Darrell; and his twin brother, Darrell.

Services were Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Fred Walls officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family.

## Green Sandlin

LIGONIER — Green Berry Sandlin, 71, of Ligonier died Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Sandlin had moved to the Ligonier area 32 years ago from Goshen. He was a factory worker.

He was born on Aug. 29, 1934, in Anneta Ky., to James and Lurena (Scott) Sandlin. He married Reba Senff in Ligonier on May 8, 1973. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kay Aragon of Goshen and Karen Sandlin of Kansas; two stepdaughters, Connie Ray and Cindy Coyle, both of Ligonier; a brother, Harvey Sandlin of Smithgrove, Ky.; a half brother, Ruthford Skaggs; two sisters, Naomi Gaggers of Leitchfield, Ky., and Ethel Taylor of Otisco, Ind.; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two half brothers, Henry and Otis Skaggs; and a half sister, Jessie Smith.

There will be no visitation or services. Cremation will take place.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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## Eldon Scott Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Eldon Leo Scott Jr., known to many as "Scottie," 69, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott had retired from Quick Tanks in 2001 after 29 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army following the Korean War and was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

Mr. Scott was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville where he had been involved with the Knights of Columbus at one time.

He was a NASCAR fan, enjoyed walking and loved collecting and selling used golf balls.

He was born March 9, 1937, in Kendallville to Eldon Leo Sr. and Anna Rebecca (Rice) Scott. He married Peggy A. Thompson on July 2, 1960, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and James Williams and Kami and Anthony Conroy, all of Kendallville; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Debra Scott, Mark Scott and Craig Scott, all of Kendallville, and Dennis Scott of Cromwell; three brothers, Robert Scott of Tucson, Ariz., Thomas Scott of Fort Wayne and John Scott of Angola; three sisters, Margaret Godsell of Kendallville, Ruth Ulrey of Fort Wayne and Cecilia Schmit of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Abigail Cox, Brandon Scott, Zane Scott, Fawn Scott, Meagan Williams, Heather Scott, Andrew Williams, Tyra Williams, Brendan Conroy, Cody Conroy and Joshua Conroy; and four great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Jarrett, Madelyn and Collin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul Scott; and a sister, Patricia Sweet.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Research Fund.

Condolences may be sent online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Theodore Schroeder

WOLCOTTVILLE — Theodore Daniel Schroeder, 66, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schroeder had been in maintenance at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange and a juvenile director in Hobart.

He moved to LaGrange in 1987 from Hobart.

Mr. Schroeder was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born July 5, 1939, in Gary to Theodore Otto and Anita (Hooper) Schroeder. He married Sharon Hrapcak on Dec. 1, 1963, in Wheeler. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Norman Lovely of Livonia, Mich., and Suzanne and Kenneth Malone of Sturgis, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Theodore William Schroeder of Waterloo and Timothy and Konnie Schroeder of Crown Point; two sisters, Betsy Kimpan and Marilane Schroeder, both of Illinois; a brother, Daniel Schroeder of Crown Point; and a cousin, Kenny Schroeder of Columbus.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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## Eleanor Doudt

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Eleanor L. Doudt, 89 of Columbus, Ohio, and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, April 3, 2006, at White Hill Nursing Home.

Mrs. Doudt was a graduate of Michigan State School for the Deaf in Flint. She enjoyed cooking, camping, bicycling and being a world traveler. She was employed at the L.A. Darling Co., retiring in 1979.

She was born April 23, 1916, in Detroit to Albert and Florence (Tweddell) Button.

She married Clifford Doudt on Oct. 21, 1939, in Detroit.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Larry Burgess of Mason, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Marilyn Doudt of Highland Village, Texas; and two granddaughters, Marci Umbarger and Carmen Burgess.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers; Thomas Button of Coldwater and Donald Button; a sister, Violet Brandt; and her parents.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Coldwater, with the Rev. Father Brian Stanley officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery of Coldwater.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at Putnam Funeral Home, 11 E. Chicago St., Coldwater, and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Branch County.

Online tributes may be posted at www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

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## Amelia Reed

KENDALLVILLE — Amelia L. Reed, 85, of Kendallville died at 4:45 a.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Reed was a dental assistant for Dr. Edgar Miller in Kendallville. A Kendallville resident since 1960, she moved to the city from Butler. She was a member of the Lydia Circle at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and a past member of Eastern Star.

She was born March 27, 1921, in LaGrange County to Robert Wesley and Mabel E. (Wagner) Fair. She was raised in Mongo and graduated from Mongo High School. She married John A. Reed on June 29, 1942, in Mongo. He preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 1993.

Mrs. Reed is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Sue Reed of Rome City and Mike Reed of Elkhart; four grandchildren, Carri Aungst, Michael T. Reed, Jeff Reed and Melissa Reed; five great-grandchildren, Alyssa Aungst, Emily Aungst, Olivia Aungst, Isabella Reed and Ava Reed; and a brother, Glen Fair of Madison.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Fair; and a sister, Irene Fair.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, formerly Berhalter-Hutchins, in Kendallville. The Rev. G. Scott Pattison will officiate.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Dan Barker, Steve Pyle, Randy Smith Sr., Jim Abbs, Al Moore, Randy Smith Jr., Ryan Smith, Gib McDonald, Jeff Reed, Ted Reed and Tony Aungst.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to youngfamilyfuneralhome@hotmail.com.

## Fred Hartsough

SHIPSHEWANA — Fred V. Hartsough, 84, of Shipshewana died at 6:25 a.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital, where he had been a patient since Feb. 24. He had been in failing health in recent years.

Mr. Hartsough

Mr. Hartsough was a farmer, a real estate agent and the second-generation owner of Hartsough Insurance Agency — which was founded by his father — for 25 years. A resident of the Stone Lake area north of Shipshewana for the past 40 years, he was well-known for raising Black Angus cattle.

He was a member of City Church of the Brethren and a two-term Van Buren Township trustee. He was an accomplished cook and enjoyed preparing special meals for his family, especially pies, cakes and cookies. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed small-game hunting and hunting mushrooms in Michigan. He also liked riding his four-wheeler, listening to country and gospel music and watching Indiana University basketball and NASCAR on television.

Mr. Hartsough was born Jan. 19, 1922, in Millersburg to Lloyd Melvin and Mamie Ruth (Lohrei) Hartsough. He graduated from Millersburg High School. He married Geraldyne "Jeri" Mae Morse on May 1, 1948, in Nappanee. She survives.

He is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Warren Vance of Goshen and Susan Hochstetler of Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Barbara Hartsough of Wolcottville and James and Denise Hartsough of Middlebury; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Rachel Phillips of Goshen.

Mr. Hartsough was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Grace Livengood; and two brothers, Ernest Hartsough and Richard Hartsough.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. The Rev. Yvonne Riege of the Goshen City Church of the Brethren will officiate. Burial will be in Gracelawn Cemetery, Middlebury, at a later date.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be left at www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

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## Ruby Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Ruby Ellen Bontrager, 78, of Shipshewana died at 9:20 a.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, at her home following a short illness.

Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church. She was a lifelong resident of the Shipshewana area.

She was born July 7, 1927, in LaGrange County to Willis E. and Fannie (Miller) Miller. She married Levi W. Bontrager on Jan. 20, 1948. He survives.

Mrs. Bontrager is also survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Fannie and Joe Bontrager of Burr Oak, Mich., Edna and Henry Miller and Rosanna and Gerald Hochstetler, all of Markesan, Wis., and Mattie and LaVern Yoder of LaGrange; seven sons and daughters-in-law, William and Annabelle (Troyer) Bontrager of Middlebury, Amos and Elsie (Miller) Bontrager, Ezra and Wilma (Lambright) Bontrager and Vernon and Ella Mae (Lehman) Bontrager, all of Shipshewana, Abe and Lydia Mae (Miller) Bontrager and John and Ruby (Graber) Bontrager, all of LaGrange, and Willis and Linda (Miller) Bontrager of Syracuse; 72 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 24 stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Edna Schlabach of Shipshewana; and a brother, Amos Miller of Grandville, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Orva, O. Vernon, Glen, Floyd, and Raymond; two sisters, Arlene Swoveland and Mary Swoveland; two sons, Perry Bontrager and Levi Bontrager; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Ezra Bontrager home, 8820 W. C.R. 50N, Shipshewana. Bishop Monroe Yoder and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Ezra Bontrager home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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# 1 dead, 1 injured in Ligonier crash

**Emergency responders approach an overturned vehicle off U.S. 33 in Ligonier Saturday afternoon. The accident left a woman dead and a man in critical condition.**

BOB BUTTGEN

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LIGONIER — A woman was killed and a man is in critical condition at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a one-vehicle crash Saturday afternoon in Ligonier.

Police are withholding the names of the victims until relatives have been notified. Both are Huntington County residents, according to Sgt. Chad Willett of the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

The wreck occurred at about 4:45 p.m. on U.S. 33, a quarter-mile north of Charger Avenue across from West Noble High School, according to Willett. He said it is not clear which person was the vehicle's passenger and which was the driver. Both were ejected

## CRASH: *Injured man airlifted to Parkview Hospital*

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from the sport-utility vehicle, which was southbound on U.S. 33 when it left the road and ended up in a ditch on the west side of the highway.

The female victim was pronounced dead at the scene, and the man was airlifted to Parkview Hospital by the Samaritan helicopter.

The accident remains under investigation by police.

Assisting the sheriff's department at the scene were rescue crews from Sparta Township and the Ligonier Fire Department, police from Ligonier and Cromwell and a representative of the Noble County Coroner's Office.

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# Ball quietly supported community

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Robert Ball, second from right, meets with fellow DeKalb Central school board members in 1967. From left are Robert Dygert, William Mertz, Norman Rohm, Ball and John Graham.**

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**BY BILL GISEL**
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AUBURN — Robert Ball contributed much to the Auburn community during his lifetime, both in the public eye and in very private ways.

Mr. Ball, 79, died April 2 after a lengthy illness.

As one of three sons of the founder of Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry, Mr. Ball played an active role in the family business alongside his brothers, Ron and Kenneth. Mr. Ball retired from the company in 1984.

His financial acumen contributed to the growth and success of Peoples Bancorp, parent of Peoples Federal Savings Bank, where he served on the board of directors from 1982 to January 1999. He was a director emeritus of the bank at the time of his death.

"Bob was a valued friend and a trusted advisor for many years," said Maurice Winkler III, chief executive officer and president of Peoples Bancorp. "He helped guide us through several major events, including our conversion to a state institution in 1987."

Daughter Ellen Ball, now of Crawfordsville, recalled her father's encouragement and passion for education. Mr. Ball served for a number of years on the DeKalb Central school board, from the time Auburn High School's last addition was constructed and into consolidation.

"I remember there were many, many nights when he wouldn't be home from meetings until well after midnight," Ellen Ball said.

She said her father wanted all three of his daughters to have college educations, which they achieved.

"I have since learned that he also helped a number of young women get degrees," she said, by paying toward the cost of their education.

Ball said her father was an advocate of girls athletics, "long before Title IX came along." At the time the community swimming pool was constructed, Mr. Ball linked his support to equal swimming opportunities for girls, she said.

"In his own subtle, quiet way, he was very supportive," she continued, contributing both financially as well as serving on the board of Youth For Christ. "He was active in his church, and was president of the congregation when the new Trinity Lutheran Church was built," she said.

She recalled her father had strong feelings about supporting the community, buying locally and conducting his financial affairs in the community.

"He bought a car every year" from the Chevrolet dealership, she said. Mr. Ball developed a close friendship with the auto dealer, the late Norman Rohm, who also served on the school board and later became Auburn's mayor.

With his brothers as investors, Mr. Ball opened the Classic Shop, a men's clothing store, and operated it for 15 years. With partners George O. Witwer of Kendallville and Mickey Maurer of Indianapolis, he brought cable television to Auburn.

"He was a good partner, smart and fair-minded," Witwer recalled of his friend.

Daughter Micheline Grate of Auburn said her father was active in the Civil Air Patrol as a youth, rising to the rank of cadet commander. He was a private pilot, she said, and also a Realtor.

Sue Rohm, widow of the former Auburn mayor, called Mr. Ball "a loyal friend, and very, very intelligent. He was very good in his personal life and devoted to his wife and his three girls," she said.

"I admired him for his honesty," Rohm added.

She noted that Mr. Ball and her husband suffered from the same illness, and that as their health problems worsened, "they ran almost parallel" in progression. Mr. Rohm died one year ago.

"I told Vivian (Mrs. Ball) that Norm is showing Bob the ropes in heaven," Rohm said, adding that her husband "liked to be the boss."

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April 9, 2006, Sunday

## Helen Howell

KENDALLVILLE — Helen B. Howell, 91, died Friday, April 7, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Howell was a homemaker and devoted mother and grandma. Some of her favorite things were cooking, gardening, animals and playing bingo. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was born Aug. 3, 1914, in Chicago to Carl W. and Hilda (Martin) Rose.

**Mrs. Howell**

She married Charles W. Howell on March 25, 1944, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1981.

Mrs. Howell is survived by a son and a daughter-in-law, Dick and Pam Howell of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Robert Cain of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Dennis and Margaret Wolford of Lafayette, Tenn., Don and Linda Wolford of St. Joe and Doug and Kay Wolford, Mel Ransburg, Matt and Jeri Cain, Mark and Tina Cain, Trent Howell and Tyler Howell, all of Kendallville; 13 great-grandchildren, Angel Howell, Zakk Howell, Quinton Howell, Josh Ransburg, Rory Ransburg, Justin Cain, Devin Cain, Kurt Wolford, Kelly Wolford, Jack Wolford, Michelle Wolford, Natalie Waterfall and Chrissy Wolford; five great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Rose of Lithia Springs, Ga., and Carl Rose III of Kendallville; and a sister, Rosemary Wolff of Kendallville.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Robert Howell in 1993; a daughter, Madalyn Wolford; a brother, Carl Rose Jr. in 1980; and a sister, Ruth Rose.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. The Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar and the Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Mrs. Howell's grandsons.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society or Immanuel Lutheran Church of Avilla.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct an error made by the funeral home.*

## Theodore Schroeder

WOLCOTTVILLE — Theodore Daniel Schroeder, 66, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schroeder had been in maintenance at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange and a juvenile detective in Hobart.

He moved to LaGrange in 1987 from Hobart.

Mr. Schroeder was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born July 5, 1939, in Gary to Theodore Otto and Anita (Hooper) Schroeder. He married Sharon Hrapcak on Dec. 1, 1963, in Wheeler. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Norman Lovely of Livonia, Mich., and Suzanne and Kenneth Malone of Sturgis, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Theodore William Schroeder of Waterloo and Timothy and Konnie Schroeder of Crown Point; two sisters, Betsy Kimpan and Marilane Schroeder, both of Illinois; a brother, Daniel Schroeder of Crown Point; and a cousin, Kenny Schroeder of Columbus.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 10, 2006, Monday

# Victims I.D.'d

## Man still critical after fatal crash

LIGONIER — A 69-year-old man remained in critical condition this morning after a Saturday afternoon crash in Noble County that killed his wife.

Harold D. Rupright, 69, of Huntington is being treated at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. His wife, Judith A. Rupright, 61, was killed in the same collision in which he was injured. She was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

The Ruprights were southbound on U.S. 33 just north of C.R. 500N when their 2001 Chevy Tahoe went out of control, apparently due to the driver's oversteering, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

The Tahoe left the road and rolled, ejecting both of the Ruprights. It came to rest after hitting a tree.

Because both of the Ruprights were ejected, deputies could not determine who was driving the Tahoe.

Other agencies assisting the sheriff's department at the scene were the Sparta Township Fire Department, Noble County EMS and Ligonier Police Department.

The accident remains under investigation by the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

## Anna Beamer

ST. JOE — Anna E. Beamer, 93, of St. Joe died Saturday, April 8, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Beamer

Mrs. Beamer was retired from her career as an industrial nurse at General Electric. She was a member of Grabill Missionary Church, a loving mother, a dedicated nurse and a friend to all.

She was born Oct. 19, 1912, in Rensselaer.

Surviving are three daughters, Carole Doss of St. Joe, Margie McClard of Murray, Ky., and Sue Wright of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Birnie, in 1999.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Grabill Missionary Church. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

## Jerrold West

GARRETT — Jerrold O. West, 62, of Garrett died at 3:54 a.m. Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

## Willis Mann

GARRETT — Willis Mann, 65, of Garrett died at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

## Ilo Cadorette

FORT WAYNE — Ilo M. Cadorette, 87, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Cadorette had owned and operated Ilo's Ice Cream Shoppe at Turkey Lake at Stroh.

She had retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a postmaster replacement in Stroh and from North American Van Lines.

Mrs. Cadorette was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and a former member of the Fort Wayne Women's Club.

She was born Nov. 12, 1918, in Harlan to Leavitt and Edith (Lochner) Akey.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Jim Horn of Grabill and Sharon and John Hartman of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard F. Cadorette; four brothers, Marion, Wayne, Walter and Glenn Akey; and a sister, Georgia Akey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Putnam St., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. David Ballinger officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church or Christian Literature for Africa, P.O. Box 5524, Fort Wayne, IN 46895.

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## Mildred Hostetler

LAGRANGE — Mildred Marie Hostelter, 86, of LaGrange and formerly of Shipshewana died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Hostetler

Mrs. Hostetler was a lifetime area resident.

She worked at Montieth's Manufacturing in Shipshewana and then for 17 years at Yoder's Department Store in Shipshewana.

Mrs. Hostetler was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church, the Mennonite Women's Circle and was an avid quilter.

She was born Aug. 25, 1919, in Topeka to Ray M. and Bertha Mae (Bowen) Olinghouse. She married Woodrow W. Hostetler on April 16, 1938, in Topeka. He died Jan. 29, 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Sherman of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Mary Hostetler of Wolf Lake; three sisters, Hellon Fisher of Salem, Ore., Barbara Duling of Defiance, Ohio, and Mary Schlabaugh of Spring Hill, Fla.; a brother, Frederick Olinghouse of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Yoder and Margaret Reynolds; and a brother, Hanley Olinghouse.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Topeka Mennonite Church in Topeka with the Rev. Elmer Wyse officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Ernest Kennell

ALBION — Ernest L. "Bud" Kennell, 76, of High Lake near Albion died Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Hospice Home.

Mr. Kennell lived most of his life in the Fort Wayne area and graduated from Central High School in 1947.

He was the co-owner of Kennell Brothers Body Shop & Garage in the 1950s and retired as manager of Kenny Boger Body Shop in 1982.

Mr. Kennell was a member of Masonic Lodge 759 F.&A.M. and was an avid golfer.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Susan Kennell of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen L. Howenstine of Fort Wayne and Kristy L. and Willie Cole of Raleigh, N.C.; a brother, J. Charles Kennell of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara L. Kennell, on June 14, 2000, and a great-grandson in 1996.

Services will be at 2 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

## William Leskowyak

FREMONT — William C. Leskowyak, 62, of Fremont died Saturday, April 8, 2006, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a truck driver for several companies, working over-the-road for Loadmaster Trucking at Bloomsburg, N.J. He also worked for Friskey Equipment in Angola, making local deliveries. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257 and the Fremont Moose Lodge. He was a Rusty Wallace NASCAR fan.

He was born Feb. 9, 1944, in Pittsburg, Pa. On Dec. 29, 1972, in Beaver, Pa., he married Martha Coonce, and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Shane and Carol Leskowyak of Fremont; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kim and Tim Tambellini of Fort Myers, Fla., and Valerie Outman of Three Rivers, Mich.; nine grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Cassie Leskowyak of Beaver, Pa., and Michael and Darlene Leskowyak of Westerville, Ohio; and a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and John Phillips of Pittsburgh.

His parents, Helen (Stanko) Leskowyak and Joe and Alma Lesko, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military rites by Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. A celebration of life will be Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the family residence.

Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice or the Breeden YMCA in Angola.

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# Motorcyclist dies in accident

**BY WANDA YODER**
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SHIPSHEWANA — A Shipshewana motorcyclist died Monday in a crash with a dump truck.

According to police, Dane R. Frost, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene of severe head injuries. Frost was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Michael S. Maurer, 34, of New Paris had stopped at the intersection stop sign on C.R. 1000W at C.R. 250N at about 7:08 a.m. and did not see oncoming traffic. Maurer proceeded across the intersection into the path of Frost's Harley-Davidson. Frost was not able to stop or avoid striking the side of Maurer's Mack Econodyne dump truck.

Police believe the sun could have been a factor in the accident.

A breath test of Maurer at the scene of the accident was negative for alcohol, police reported. Toxicology results are pending on Frost. The incident remains under investigation.

Assisting at the scene were LaGrange County Sheriff's officers and the Indiana State Police.

## Willis Mann

AUBURN — Willis Dean Mann, 65, of Auburn died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Mann worked as a pressman for Bohn Aluminum in Butler for 29 years, retiring in 2003. He was a member of New Life Ministries Church in Garrett. He resided in Garrett from 1962 until moving to Auburn in 2000.

He was born Jan. 21, 1941, in Goshen to John R. and Verba E. (Effert) Mann. They preceded him in death.

On Oct. 6, 1962, in LaGrange, he married Judith E. Hart. She died Oct. 18, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Steve Mann of Garrett; a grandson, Brett Mann of Garrett; a granddaughter, Maria Mann of Garrett; two sisters, Valerie "Val" May Dolph of Elkhart and Mary Ann Ebbeler of Elkhart; three nieces; and three nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate. Burial will be in Beulah Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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## Jerrold West

GARRETT — Jerrold Owen West, 62, of Garrett died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. West

Mr. West retired from General Electric in 1997 after 30 years as a truck driver. He also was a volunteer firefighter for General Electric.

A devoted husband and father, he enjoyed camping with his family and friends, riding his Goldwing and especially spending time with his grandchildren and family.

He was a member of Union Chapel Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

He was born April 18, 1943, in Allen County to Albert and Mary (Burdick) West. They preceded him in death.

He married Ferbia Deck on March 6, 1965, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry and Max Fugate of Avilla and Tina Simon of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Nola West of Garrett; eight grandchildren; two brothers, John West of Auburn and Jim West of Washington; and two sisters, Judy Buckingham of Angola and Janice Keen of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dawn West.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Union Chapel Church of the United Brethren in Christ with Pastor Gary Reiber officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

## C. Lee Hughes

GARRETT — C. Lee Hughes, 86, of Garrett died Monday, April 10, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hughes was a supervisor for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and Syracuse.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II, and a 60-year member of the American Legion post in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 10, 1920, in Salem Center in Steuben County. His parents, Robert B. Hughes and Marjorie (Raub) Hughes Smith, preceded him in death.

His wife, Mary E. (Linton) Hughes, died May 6, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marilee and Harve Harris of Auburn; two grandchildren and their spouses, David and Jenny Harris and Julie and Tim Holwerda; six great-grandchildren, Tyler, Alex, Landon and Owen Holwerda and Emma Grace and Haden J. Harris; and one stepsister, Margaret Graber of Lambertville, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Jack Hughes; a stepbrother, Harold Smith; and two grandchildren, Jeffrey and Hope Harris.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center or DeKalb Humane Shelter.

## Douglas Speer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Douglas D. Speer, 75, of West Palm Beach died Sunday at midnight in St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Speer had resided in Florida since 1978. He moved to Florida from Chicago, where he had lived and worked for 26 years.

He was born Jan. 13, 1931, in Waterloo. His parents, George Walker and Bertha Louise (Schiek) Speer, preceded him in death.

He attended Indiana University and graduated from Ray-Vogue Design School in Chicago. He worked at Marshall Field's & Co. and Container Corp. of America, both in Chicago. He was director of interior design at St. Vincent Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla., and was the interior designer for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for the entire state of Florida, based in Fort Lauderdale.

He was a former member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley L. and Richard Henry of Battle Creek, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Philip P. and Linda Speer of Auburn; a nephew, Tim Speer; and two nieces, Michelle Helmkamp and Kim Kiefer.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

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## David Cain Sr.

MAYVILLE, Mich. — David A. Cain Sr., 63, of Mayville died Friday, April 7, 2006.

Mr. Cain served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He received several medals for his service. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Central Lake and Kingston and a lifetime member of the American Legion. He was a former post commander for the Central Lake VFW. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and his grandchildren.

He was born March 9, 1943, in Mackinaw City, Mich., to Reuben Cain and Gertrude (McLaurey) Kniffen. They preceded him in death.

On Aug. 17, 1970, in Imlay City, Mich., he married Sonja Shafer. She survives in Mayville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David Cain Jr. and his wife, Misty, of Akron, Mich.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah and Wayne Priess of Mayville and Amanda Cain of Akron; five grandchildren, Andrew, Nickolas, Daniel, Trevor and Alexis; six brothers and three sisters-in-law, Reuben and LaDina Cain, John and Mary Jane Cain, Gary and Barbara David, Art Kniffen, Bill Kniffen and Jerry Kniffen; and three sisters, Phyllis Wily, Kathy Cain and Julie Rohrer.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Helen Cain; and two brothers, Jim Cain and Fred Cain.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, Mich. Pastor Tom Hunter officiated.

Burial was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

Memorials are to the family.

## Freida Walburn

KENDALLVILLE — Freida Lavere Walburn, 93, of Kendallville died Friday, April 7, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Walburn was a homemaker.

She had spent her formative years in Green Township and most of her married life in Fort Wayne. She had lived briefly in Harlingen, Texas, following her husband's retirement.

Mrs. Walburn was born Aug. 26, 1912, in Green Township to the late Charles and Pearl (McCoy) Summers. She married Wayne Walburn on Dec. 22, 1928, in Collins. He died March 9, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and son-in-law, Bonni and Thomas West of Old Woodstock, England, and Joan Henderson of Harlingen, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Nancy Walburn of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Thelma Walburn; a son, Charles Walburn; a brother, Thad Summers; and three sisters, Mae Fry, Lauris Clouse and Edna Herendeen.

Private family services were held Monday at Riverview Cemetery in Allen County.

Memorials are to the Gospel Tract Society, P.O. Box 1118, Independence, MO 64051.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of arrangements.

## Isom Stallard

STURGIS, Mich. — Isom Stallard Sr., 96, of Sturgis died Monday, April 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Stallard

Mr. Stallard had resided in Sturgis for 11 years, coming from Kentucky. He was a minister with the Old Regular Baptist Church and was also a farmer. He enjoyed working and loved preaching.

He was born June 26, 1909, in Ledger County, Ky., to the late Elijah and Rosa (Hall) Stallard. He married Ida Maxie on Sept. 19, 1932, in Ledger County. She died Sept. 1, 1997.

Surviving are six daughters and two sons-in-law, Goldie Holland of Ligonier, Mattie Buffo of Gary, Verna Marie Singleton and Lola and Edward Chupp, all of Sturgis, Ann Spears and her companion, Tom Shaefer, of New Lexington, Ohio, and Brenda and Roger Fosdick of Three Rivers; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Isom Stallard Jr. of Howe, Johnny and Kathy Stallard of Sturgis and Jimmy and Nancy Stallard of Burr Oak; 30 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Margie Stallard and Carie Combs; two sons, William Stallard and Lewis Stallard; a granddaughter; two grandsons and two sons-in-law, Floyd Singleton and Fred Buffo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carr Regular Baptist Church in Wolfpen, Ky. Burial will be at the Stallard Family Cemetery in Mallie, Ky.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home of Sturgis where services will begin at 7 p.m. and after 6 p.m. Wednesday at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, 125 Parks Branch Road., Hindman, Ky.

Memorials are to the family to help with funeral and burial expenses.

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## Ollie Heileman

KENDALLVILLE — Ollie Heileman, 74, of Kendallville died Monday, April 10, 2006, at her home.

**Mrs. Heileman**

Mrs. Heileman worked at Wheelworks in Kendallville, Essex Wire in Ligonier for 11 years and at Precision Heat Treating in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo.

Mrs. Heileman liked to garden and take care of her flowers. She enjoyed listening to the Bible on tape, baby-sitting and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Nov. 15, 1931, in Rock Fork, Ky., to the late Carew and Margaret (Gibson) Gibson. She married Martin L. Heileman on Oct. 27, 1958, in the Church of God in Stroh. He died in 1993.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Martin and Cindy Heileman and Roy Gibson, all of Kendallville; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Ellen and Curtis Conley, Verna Mae "Faye" Gibson, Barbara and Homer Ferrell and Deanna and George Belcher, all of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Jennifer Gibson, Jaimie Gibson, Mark Heileman, Eric Buss and Mandee Armey; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Arnold Gibson, Edward Gibson and Ledford Gibson; and a sister, Virginia Gibson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo with Pastor Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City. Pallbearers will be Mark Heileman, Eric Buss, Jason Armey, Bruce Andrews, Danny Conley and Arnold Ray Gibson. Honorary pallbearers will be David Smith, Hugh Fischer and Tolbert Gibson.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to include a photo.*

## William Leskowyak

FREMONT — William C. Leskowyak, 62, of Fremont died Saturday, April 8, 2006, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

**Mr. Leskowyak**

He was a truck driver for several companies, working over-the-road for Loadmaster Trucking at Bloomsburg, N.J. He also worked for Friskey Equipment in Angola, making local deliveries. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257 and the Fremont Moose Lodge. He was a Rusty Wallace NASCAR fan.

He was born Feb. 9, 1944, in Pittsburg, Pa. On Dec. 29, 1972, in Beaver, Pa., he married Martha Coonce, and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Shane and Carol Leskowyak of Fremont; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kim and Tim Tambellini of Fort Myers, Fla., and Valerie Outman of Three Rivers, Mich.; nine grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Cassie Leskowyak of Beaver, Pa., and Michael and Darlene Leskowyak of Westerville, Ohio; and a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and John Phillips of Pittsburgh.

His parents, Helen (Stanko) Leskowyak and Joe and Alma Lesko, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military rites by Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. A celebration of life will be today from 7-9 p.m. at the family residence.

Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice or the Breeden YMCA in Angola.

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# 2 years in OWI death

## Albion woman sentenced in Whitley County

**BY BOB BRALEY**
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COLUMBIA CITY — A family's tearful remembrances of their son who was killed by a drunken driver also brought sobs and apologies from the woman who struck him.

Lori A. Pulley, 44, of Albion was sentenced Tuesday to two years in jail for hitting Grant A. Reilly, 19, of Columbia City on Oct. 2, 2005. Pulley pleaded guilty March 8 to a charge of failure to stop after an accident causing death, a Class C felony, but allowed a bench trial on another two charges to proceed.

**Pulley**

Whitley Circuit Judge James Heuer issued his guilty verdict on the remaining charges — operating while intoxicated causing death, a Class C felony, and operating while intoxicated per se causing death, a Class C felony — April 4.

Heuer began the hearing by explaining that the per se charge, which was based on Pulley's blood-alcohol level of 0.12 percent, was legally contained within the other OWI charge, and that they would be combined for the purpose of sentencing.

Pulley struck Reilly as he was walking northward in the middle of S.R. 109 just south of the Noble County line at 1:02 a.m.

Reilly's mother, Anita Driscoll, started a prepared statement with a letter she had written her son months before his death. "Thank you for being my son," it said.

"Grant loved kids. Grant was a kid," Driscoll said.

As Driscoll began to tearfully describe the relationship between her grandchildren and their Uncle Grant, Pulley began to sob.

"Since Grant was killed, one of the most important and most beloved people in my life is gone," Driscoll said. "I smell his pillow and I fear for the day the scent of him will fade, knowing that it cannot be replaced."

Driscoll said that, whenever she sees a red pickup such as Pulley drove the night of the crash, she has a horrible image of the accident, and of her son left to die alongside the road as though no one cared for him.

"My physical health has suffered following Grant's death," Driscoll said. "There is a hole torn in the fabric of our family."

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# **OWI:** *Woman says during Tuesday's court proceedings, 'I'm a mom … I can't imagine what she's going through'*

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Driscoll acknowledged that her son made an error in judgment by walking in the road while himself intoxicated, but asked Heuer for justice on his behalf.

Reilly's father, Bob Reilly, said he was thankful he had gotten to say, "I love you," to his son the day before he died. Grant Reilly's parents divorced and remarried years ago.

"He loved life," Bob Reilly said. "Grant was not a vengeful person. … We're all one step from being on the wrong side of the line."

Bob Reilly described seeing Grant in a dream, saying that vengeance wouldn't bring him back, and asked the court to do what was right.

"There's nothing that she can do to bring Grant back. If she could, she would. There's nothing the court can do to bring him back." said defense attorney Charles Leonard of Fort Wayne.

Leonard described the Whitley County Probation Department's presentence investigation report on Pulley as "glowing." She has no criminal record, and her last prior driving offense was for speeding 20 years before the accident, he said.

Pulley has worked at Robert Bosch in Albion for 16 years, and her mother is ill, Leonard said. Pulley's son recently graduated from Ball State University, and she has been taking classes through Indiana Tech. "Her grade-point average is 3.968 out of 4.0," he said.

Leonard explained that Pulley had answered an officer's question truthfully when she said she had consumed two beers because he asked about what she had consumed at a tavern. She had also consumed two beers before leaving home, the attorney said.

Heuer, who had cited the "two beers" statement in his sentence, thanked the attorney for clarifying the matter.

Since the accident, Pulley has begun counseling at the Bowen Center, joined New Hope Wesleyan Church and spent time with Bob Reilly and his current wife.

Leonard read from letters written on Pulley's behalf by co-workers and superiors at Bosch, as well as a letter from her pastor and one from her counselor at Bowen Center.

Counselor Jennifer Mertz's letter said Pulley suffered from acute stress disorder and post-traumatic stress syndrome after the accident. She continues to have anxiety issues and is in a relapse prevention group, the letter said.

Pulley wants to share her story to keep this from happening to anyone else, Leonard said. "I believe her story has the potential to save more lives."

Leonard said he has been in contact with the Noble County Victims Impact Panel program to see about Pulley sharing her story.

Both Leonard and Whitley County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Rentschler said there were no aggravating factors under the law that would add to a sentence, only mitigating factors that would lessen a sentence.

"She lived the majority of her life as a law-abiding person," Leonard said.

"I want to apologize to all the family and friends," Pulley said. "I'm a mom. … I can't imagine what she's going through. … Her healing is very, very important to me.

"I made a very bad mistake, but I have to tell people about it," Pulley said. "I wish I could take it back. I wish I could change things, but I can't."

What makes this a crime is that results were foreseeable, Rentschler said. Every time a person becomes intoxicated and gets behind the wheel, there is a predictable risk that this will be the result.

"She lost the lottery that every drunk driver enters into when they get behind the wheel in an intoxicated state," Rentschler said.

The prosecutor said a mitigating factor was Pulley's 911 call, without which the case would probably still not be solved.

"This is difficult stuff, and it should be difficult stuff," Heuer said. "I'm probably shaken as much as anyone in this room."

Both Grant Reilly and Pulley were likable people, Heuer said. "And then, on that awful night, they both made a mistake."

Heuer sentenced Pulley to four years in the Whitley County Jail with two years to serve and two suspended on each of the two remaining counts. The sentences will be served at the same time. They may be served in work release and through the Noble County Work Release program if arrangements can be made.

During her two years of probation, Pulley must perform 60 hours of community service by speaking to groups about the accident; pay a $200 fine, court costs and a $200 alcohol countermeasures fee; and continue her counseling at Bowen Center.

Pulley must report to jail April 21 to start her sentence.

Heuer took a restitution request under advisement, since it had not yet been seen by Leonard.

After the hearing ended, members of Grant Reilly's family and his friends hugged each other and wept.

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## Nancy Peterson

MILFORD — Nancy Lou Peterson, 68, of Milford died Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Leesburg Regional Health Care Center in Leesburg, Fla., following an extended illness.

She had owned Leesburg Liquors and was employed at Essex Wire and Weatherhead Corp. She retired in 2000 from Dana Corp. in Syracuse.

Mrs. Peterson was a 1955 graduate of New Paris High School.

She was a member of the Syracuse VFW, American Legion, Eagles and AmVets in Baldwin, Mich.

Mrs. Peterson enjoyed traveling, attending movies, country music, wintering in Florida and cooking for her children.

She was born June 29, 1937, in Elkhart to the late William and Martha (Brown) Whetten. She married Robert Peterson on May 25, 1955. He died in November 1983.

Surviving are her companion, David Morgan; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Susan Peterson and Rodney "Pete" and Brenda Peterson, all of Syracuse, and Rick and Anne Peterson of Ligonier; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Sue Baker of Syracuse, Carolyn and Tom Hull of Ligonier and Anita Whetten of New Paris; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Larry and Martha Whetten of Edwardsburg, Mich., Jerry and Ann Whetten of Syracuse, Marven Whetten of Baldwin, Mich., and Gary Whetten of Cape Coral, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by a sister Lois Hoover.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Pastor Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in Milford Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Chad Peterson, Ross Peterson, Reed Peterson, Troy Whetten, Doug Whetten and Steven Whetten.

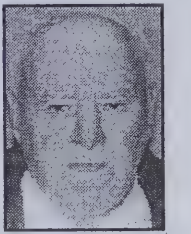
Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

## Victor Hale

WOLF LAKE — Victor D. Hale, 78, of Wolf Lake died at 2:10 p.m. Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City.


**Mr. Hale**

Mr. Hale had been employed by Miles Laboratories as a machinist until the late 1960s and was a farmer for most of his life.

His family moved to Noble County in 1932. He attended Ligonier Elementary School and graduated from Ligonier High School. He attended Southwestern Michigan College.

In February 1945, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served as a cook. During his tour of duty, he participated in the Atom bomb trials in the Marshall Islands. He was honorably discharged in July 1963.

He was born May 3, 1927, in Detroit to Ceyland and Vesta (Flager) Hale.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Rick Whiteman of Granger, Diana and Brian Taylor of Cassopolis, Mich., and Paula and Todd Mooth of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a son, LeRoy Hale of South Bend; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Paul Hale, and a sister, Jeanette Hale.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Daniel Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake VFW or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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April 12, 2006, Wednesday

## Dane Frost

SHIPSHEWANA — Dane R. Frost, 49, of Shipshewana died at 7:09 a.m. Monday, April 10, 2006, as the result of injures he sustained when his motorcycle collided with a dump truck near Shipshewana.

Mr. Frost

Mr. Frost had been employed in technical support at Monaco Coach in Elkhart for the past five years.

He was a Harley-Davidson enthusiast.

Mr. Frost was known for his infectious laugh and smile.

He was born June 20, 1956, in Elkhart to the late Richard and Doreen (Springer) Frost. He married Deborah (Franks) Mitchell on July 3, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Erica and Ernie Barkley of South Bend, Tamara "Tam Tam" and Dino Ricci of South Bend and Zoey Frost of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a son, Christopher Frost of Cassopolis, Mich.; a stepdaughter, Amy Fitzgerald of Flint, Mich.; three stepsons, Danny Dibble of Elkhart, Jake Dibble of Flint and Cody Mitchell of Union, Mich.; a sister, Debby Barnes of Shipshewana; his grandfather, Jack Frost of Elkhart; and nine grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Dawn Moyer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with Dane Frost's aunt, Sister Nora Frost, officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson Foundation.

## Lawrence Porter

COLDWATER, Mich. – Lawrence L. Porter, 75, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Porter was born Dec. 3, 1930, to Robert and Bernice (Brott) Porter.

He was a lifelong resident of Branch County, Mich. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1949, where he was a member of the CHS 1949 championship basketball team.

He was a dairy farmer most of his life and also operated a fruit and vegetable stand on the family farm for many years. He was a Pioneer seed corn dealer for 25 years and was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Garry and Pam Porter and Charles Porter, all of Coldwater, and Larry and Linda Porter of Fremont; two sisters, Jackie Quibell of Vicksburg, Mich., and Charlene Tueton of Georgia; four grandchildren and their spouses, Todd and Sam Porter, Amy Porter, Tom and Lana Porter and Tim and Sandra Porter; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn; and a grandson, Brian Porter, in 2000.

Services were April 1 at Sorter Cemetery in Ovid Township, Mich.

Memorials are to the Coldwater High School Athletic Department.

Online condolences can be left at www.dutcherfh.com.

## Arzella Montgomery

SALYERVILLE, Ky. — Arzella Louise Barnett Montgomery, 73, of Salyersville, Ky., died Monday, April 10, 2006, at Salyersville Health Care Center.

Mrs. Montgomery was a homemaker and attended Low Gap Church of God.

She was born April 16, 1932, in Harlan County, Ky., to Estill and Azza (Havens) Barnett. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Ellis Montgomery; five sons and daughters-in-law, David Ellis and Mary Montgomery of Tampa, Fla., John Michael and Annette Montgomery of Montague, Mich., Larry Wayne and Sue Montgomery of Butler, Lawrence Ricky and Nanny Montgomery of Paintsville, Ky., and Bobby Alan and Dana Montgomery of Cypress, Texas; four daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Danny Parsons of Lexington, Ky., Wanda and Larry Burton of Salyersville, Azza Kaye and Gary Allen of Salyersville and Linda Marie and Barry Burton of West Liberty, Ky.; 31 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Barnett of Ohio; and four sisters, Eva Lena Picklesimer of Ohio, Bernice Molina of Texas, Janice Carol James of Ohio and Margaret Schaub of Ohio.

She also was preceded in death by five brothers, Ray, Willie, Lenville and Homer Barnett and Estill Barnett Jr.; and a sister, Thelma Jean Robinson.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel, Salyersville. The Rev. Johnny Reed will officiate.

Burial will be in Ellis Montgomery Family Cemetery, Spruce Pine, Salyersville.

Calling will be all day today at the funeral home.

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## Leon Rigg

BUTLER — Leon Rigg, 86, of Butler died Monday, April 10, 2006, at her home on C.R. 53.

Mrs. Rigg was a homemaker. She was born in Waterloo to Newton and Myrtle (Reeder) Wallace.

She married LeRoy B. Rigg on May 8, 1937, in Auburn. He died March 29, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Barbara Rigg of Butler; a sister, Irene Rynearson of Corunna; and three grandchildren, Eric, Morgan and Brianna Rigg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Barbara Rigg; two brothers, Ernest Wallace and Jay Wallace; and two sisters, Betty Fee and Edith Wallace.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Narazene Church in Danville, Ill.

## David Miller

WATERLOO — David Miller, 43, of Waterloo died Tuesday evening at his home.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

A complete obituary will be published in Thursday's edition.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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## Eileen L. Addington, 87

PORTLAND – Eileen L. Addington, 87, of Portland died Monday, April 3, 2006, at the Americare Living Center in Portland.

Mrs. Addington was born Aug. 20, 1918, in Palestine, Ohio, to Harry and Hazel (Fellers) McClure. She graduated from Greenville High School in Greenville, Ohio, with the class of 1936. She married Raymond Addington on June 5, 1937, and he preceded her in death on March 18, 1980.

She was a member of the Red Hat Club of Portland and had attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Portland.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond "Sonny" Addington of Polson, Mo., and John Lee Addington of Fort Pierce, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Deolla and Glenn Bond of Portland, Linda Sue and Charles Chapman of Bear Lake and Mary Lou Beltz of Angola; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Services were held Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dave McClellan officiating. Burial was in Center Cemetery, west of Portland.

Memorials are to the family.

## Ernest L. "Bud" Kennell, 76

ALBION – Ernest L. "Bud" Kennell, 76, of High Lake, Albion, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Hospice Home.

He had lived most of his life in the Fort Wayne area and graduated from Central High School in 1947.

He was co-owner of Kennell Brothers Body Shop & Garage in the 1950s and retired as Manager of Kenny Boger Body Shop in 1982.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 759 F.& A.M. and an avid golfer.

Surviving are his son, Kerry L. (Susan) Kennell of Fort Wayne; daughters, Karen L. Howenstine of Fort Wayne and Kristy L. (Willie) Cole of Raleigh, N.C.; and brother, J. Charles Kennell of Fort Wayne. He was also the loving grandfather of eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren of whom are all going to miss him very much.

He will always be remembered for his willingness to help others, for his loving and praying for his family and friends and for his wonderful sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara L. Kennell on June 14, 2000; and one great-grandson, in 1996.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

## *Thank You*

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,*
*Or sat quietly in a chair.*
*Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,*
*If so we saw it there.*
*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,*
*That anyone could say.*
*Perhaps you were not there at all,*
*Just thought of us that day.*
*Whatever you did to console our hearts,*
*We thank you so much whatever the part.*

*By the family of Jim Bortner*
*Jennifer & Kent Shultz, Virginia Bortner, Ilene Middleton*
*& Families*

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 12, 2006, Wednesday

## Mildred Hostetler- 86

LAGRANGE – Mildred Marie Hostetler, 86, of Lagrange and formerly of Shipshewana died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Hostetler was a lifetime area resident.

She worked at Montieth's Manufacturing in Shipshewana and then for 17 years at Yoder's Department Store in Shipshewana.

Mrs. Hostetler was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church, the Mennonite Women's Circle and was an avid quilter.

She was born Aug. 25, 1919, in Topeka to Ray M. and Bertha Mae (Bowen) Olinghouse. She married Woodrow W. Hostetler on April 16, 1938, in Topeka. He died Jan. 29, 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Sherman of Lagrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Mary Hostetler of Wolf Lake; three sisters, Hellon Fisher of salem, Ore., Barbara Duling of Defiance, Ohio, and Mary Schlabaugh of Spring Hill, Fla.; a brother, Frederick Olinghouse of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Yoder and Margaret Reynolds; and a brother, Hanley Olinghouse.

Services were Wednesday, at Topeka Mennonite Church in Topeka, Rev. Elmer Wyse officiated. Burial was in the Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Charles E. "Chuck" Bromley, 51

CLAYPOOL – Charles E. "Chuck" Bromley, 51, of rural Kosciusko County died at 1:45 a.m. Monday, April 3, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bromley was self-employed and known by many as "The Junk Man." He and his wife had lived at their current address on County Farm Road the past 11 years.

His formative years were spent near North Webster, and he completed his education at North Webster School.

He was born June 8, 1954, in Luckey Hospital in Wolf Lake to Floyd and Evlon (Harrington) Bromley. They are deceased.

He married Terry E. Quello on Sept. 24, 1974. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Katherine and Tony Leek of Warsaw; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and James Elliot of Etna Green and Shirley and Ron Richard of Avilla; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Donald and Aloralee Bromley of South Whitley, Earl and Linda Bromley and William and Bert Bromley, all of Columbia City, Ronald and Elizabeth Bromley of Albion and Arnold Bromley of Columbia City; and a granddaughter, Misty Rose Leek.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and David.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Ronnie Samms officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smihtandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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# Jerrold West, 62

GARRETT - Jerrold Owen West, 62, of Garrett died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. West retired from General Electric in 1997 after 30 years as a truck driver. He also was a volunteer firefighter for General Electric.

A devoted husband and father, he enjoyed camping with his family and friends, riding his Goldwing and especially spending time with his grandchildren and family.

He was a member of Union Chapel Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

He was born April 18, 1943, in Allen County to Albert and Mary (Burdick) West. They preceded him in death.

He married Ferbia Deck on March 6, 1965, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry and Max Fugate of Avilla and Tina Simon of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Nola West of Garrett; eight grandchildren; two brothers, John West of Auburn and Jim West of Washington; and two sisters, Judy Buckingham of Angola and Janice Keen of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dawn West.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Union Chapel Church of the United Brethren in Christ with Pastor Gary Reiber officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling was Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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# Albion woman sentenced in hit-and-run death

COLUMBIA CITY — A 44-year-old Albion woman was sentenced Tuesday to four years in prison on each of two counts. Two years of of the sentence were suspended. Lori A. Pulley was found guilty earlier this month on two of three charges stemming from the hit-and-run death of a Columbia City man. She is expected to report to the Whitley County Jail on April 21. She was also ordered to perform 60 hours of community service.

During a bench trial before Whitley Circuit Court Judge James Heuer on April 4, Pulley was found guilty of operating a vehicle while intoxicated resulting in death and operating a vehicle while intoxicated per se resulting in death. She had earlier pleaded guilty to failure to stop after an accident resulting in injury or death. All three are Class C felonies and carry a maximum sentence of eight years in prison.

Lori A. Pulley

In the early morning hours of October 2, 2005, Pulley had left Duff's tavern on the south side of Columbia City and was driving home in her pickup when she struck Grant R. Reilly, who himself was intoxicated and walking nearly in the middle of State Road 109.

The impact occurred approximately 2,000 feet north of County Road 600 North. Police investigating the incident determined the night was clear, no obstructions were present, and that Pulley made no attempt to brake or swerve to avoid hitting Reilly.

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# Albion woman sentenced in hit-and-run death

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Pulley drove on home before calling police to report the incident at about 1 a.m., indicating she had frantically attempted to find her cell phone in her purse after the impact, but because she was having a hard time steering her truck, couldn't find it.

A blood test and a breathalyzer test taken on Pulley after police were notified both revealed a blood alcohol content of 0.12 percent. She stated she had consumed two beers at Duff's.

Meanwhile, three other motorists apparently saw Reilly on State Road 109 that night.

Debora Elkins and her husband were traveling south on 109 and had to swerve and slam on the brakes to miss Reilly, who was wearing blue jeans and a dark T-shirt.

Carmen Harrison was traveling north on 109 and also had to slam on her brakes, stopping just a few feet from Reilly, who then staggered to the berm and started to walk north.

The third motorist, Ben Faulkner, found Reilly after the accident and called police. Reilly was pronounced dead at the scene.

Tests revealed that Reilly had also been drinking. His blood alcohol content was between 0.124 and 0.216. Earlier in the evening, he had been at a party celebrating his upcoming departure for the U.S. Navy.

During the bench trial, Pulley testified that, "It was a straight hit." She went on to say she was adjusting her music, singing along, when all of a sudden she saw a person.

In handing down his written decision, Heuer noted that an hour and one-half after the accident, Pulley's blood alcohol content was still 50 percent above the legal limit, and that common sense indicates her statement about consuming two beers earlier in the evening was less than credible.

Heuer also wrote that Reilly's own actions contributed to his death, but prosecuting attorney Matt Rentschler had proved that Pulley's conduct "was a substantial cause of the accident."

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## Edwin McCarty

LIGONIER — Memorial services for Edwin "Pat" McCarty will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Mr. McCarty died April 2, 2006, in Evansville.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

## Rhonda Noe

LIGONIER — Rhonda K. Noe, 38, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Noe was a homemaker and lifetime area resident.

She was born Oct. 24, 1967, in Kendallville to Mack and Gladys (Owens) Shepherd.

Surviving are two daughters, Morgan Noe and Summar Noe, both of North Webster; her father, Mack Shepherd of Ligonier; her mother, Gladys Shepherd of Ligonier; her grandmother, Esther Owens of Ligonier; a special friend, John Akin; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Ligonier Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## David Miller

WATERLOO — David L. Miller, 42, of Waterloo died Tuesday evening, April 11, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Miller was employed at Nucor Building Systems for 10 years. Before that he served as a captain on the Waterloo Police Department for 10 years. He was a former Butler police reserve and a 1981 graduate of Eastside High School.

He was born July 25, 1963, in Angola to Robert A. and Eileen (Zinn) Miller. His mother survives

Also surviving are three brothers, Robert Miller of Auburn, Charlie Miller of Butler and Roger Miller of Butler; a sister and her fiancé, Marilyn Miller and Gary Laub of Butler; three nephews, Brian Miller of Bowling Green, Ohio, Jeff Miller of Butler and Benton Miller of Butler; two nieces, Laura Marshall of Auburn and Heather Miller of Denver, Colo.; four great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Carolyn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dan Eckart officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or DeKalb County Relay for Life.

ADVANCE LEADER
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## Isom Stallard

STURGIS, Mich. — Isom Stallard Sr., 96, of Sturgis died Monday, April 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Stallard

Mr. Stallard had resided in Sturgis for 11 years, coming from Kentucky. He was a minister with the Old Regular Baptist Church and was also a farmer. He enjoyed working and loved preaching.

He was born June 26, 1909, in Ledger County, Ky., to the late Elijah and Rosa (Hall) Stallard. He married Ida Maxie on Sept. 19, 1932, in Ledger County. She died Sept. 1, 1997.

Surviving are six daughters and two sons-in-law, Goldie Holland of Ligonier, Mattie Buffo of Gary, Verna Marie Singleton and Lola and Edward Chupp, all of Sturgis, Ann Spears and her companion, Tom Shaefer, of New Lexington, Ohio, and Brenda and Roger Fosdick of Three Rivers; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Isom Stallard Jr. of Howe, Johnny and Kathy Stallard of Sturgis and Jimmy and Nancy Stallard of Burr Oak; 30 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Margie Stallard and Carie Combs; two sons, William Stallard and Lewis Stallard; a granddaughter; two grandsons and two sons-in-law, Floyd Singleton and Fred Buffo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carr Regular Baptist Church in Wolfpen, Ky. Burial will be at the Stallard Family Cemetery in Mallie, Ky.

Memorials are to the family to help with funeral and burial expenses.

# Woman dies in U.S. 33 accident

LIGONIER — A 69-year-old man remained in critical condition this morning after a Saturday afternoon crash in Noble County that killed his wife.

Harold D. Rupright, 69, of Huntington is being treated at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. His wife, Judith A. Rupright, 61, was killed in the same collision in which he was injured. She was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

The Ruprights were southbound on U.S. 33 just north of C.R. 500N when their 2001 Chevy Tahoe went out of control, apparently due to the driver's oversteering, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

The Tahoe left the road and rolled, ejecting both of the Ruprights. It came to rest after hitting a tree.

Because both of the Ruprights were ejected, deputies could not determine who was driving the Tahoe.

Other agencies assisting the sheriff's department at the scene were the Sparta Township Fire Department, Noble County EMS and Ligonier Police Department.

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ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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## Nancy Peterson

MILFORD — Nancy Lou Peterson, 68, of Milford died Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Leesburg Regional Health Care Center in Leesburg, Fla., following an extended illness.

She had owned Leesburg Liquors and was employed at Essex Wire and Weatherhead Corp. She retired in 2000 from Dana Corp. in Syracuse.

Mrs. Peterson was a 1955 graduate of New Paris High School.

She was a member of the Syracuse VFW, American Legion, Eagles and AmVets in Baldwin, Mich.

Mrs. Peterson enjoyed traveling, attending movies, country music, wintering in Florida and cooking for her children.

She was born June 29, 1937, in Elkhart to the late William and Martha (Brown) Whetten. She married Robert Peterson on May 25, 1955. He died in November 1983.

Surviving are her companion, David Morgan; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Susan Peterson and Rodney "Pete" and Brenda Peterson, all of Syracuse, and Rick and Anne Peterson of Ligonier; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Sue Baker of Syracuse, Carolyn and Tom Hull of Ligonier and Anita Whetten of New Paris; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Larry and Martha Whetten of Edwardsburg, Mich., Jerry and Ann Whetten of Syracuse, Marven Whetten of Baldwin, Mich., and Gary Whetten of Cape Coral, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by a sister Lois Hoover.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Pastor Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Chad Peterson, Ross Peterson, Reed Peterson, Troy Whetten, Doug Whetten and Steven Whetten.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today, Thursday, April 13, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

## WOMAN DIES IN WRECK

Bob Buttgen

**Noble County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Anderson,** right, is shown with Joan Cripe, deputy cornoer, at the scene of a fatal accident Saturday afternoon in Ligonier. A Huntington woman was killed and her husband seriously injuried the one-vehicle wreck on U.S. 33 across from West Noble High School. More details can be found on page 2.

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## LaVerne Groll

BRYAN, Ohio — LaVerne H. "Poverty Struck" Groll, 81, of Bryan died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Harborside Health Care Center in Bryan.

Mr. Groll was born Aug. 15, 1924 in Defiance, Ohio, to Emil and Eva (Browning) Groll.

He was employed at Holabirds for over 35 years as a saw operator, owned and operated a general store in Stryker, Ohio, known as Poverty Struck, and operated a produce stand off U.S. 20 in Angola, selling produce to the Amish and others.

Surviving are his wife, Helen "Marie" Groll; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike and Susie Groll of Fort Myers, Fla., Kenny Groll of Chicago and Randy Groll of Montpelier, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Treasa and Jackie Beres of Pioneer, Ohio, and Lori Schlosser-McSurley of Tucson, Ariz.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Charles F. and Pauline Goliver of Defiance; his first wife, Donnabelle Stahl of Lake Ocachobee, Fla.; a brother, Frank Groll of Evansport, Ohio; a sister, Katy Doty of Stryker, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, George, James and Donny Groll; and two infant brothers.

Services will be at 4 p.m. today at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan, with the Rev. Dee Custar officiating. Burial will be in Florida Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Calling will be today from noon to 4 p.m.

Memorials are to Cancer Assistance of Williams County or CHWC Hospice Program.

Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

## Martha Alwood

HUDSON — Martha Jane Alwood, 59, of Hudson died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Alwood was a homemaker.

She was born April 1, 1947, in Garrett to John Samuel and Susan Emeline (Lung) Millhouse. They preceded her in death.

She married Ronald "Red" Alwood on Oct. 8, 1967, in Hillsdale, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald Lee Alwood of Columbia City; three brothers, Walter A. Millhouse of Hamilton, Bob Millhouse of Albion and Jim Millhouse of Wheatland, N.Y.; and a sister, Mary Fertig of Wheatland, N.Y.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

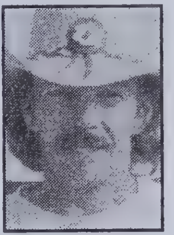
Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

## Alan Reichard

KINDERHOOK TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Alan Ray "Uncle Alan" Reichard, 54, of Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich., died Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Reichard was born March 2, 1952, in Angola to Kenneth Ray and Doris M. (LaHaye) Reichard. He was a self-employed carpenter who helped build many Parade of Homes houses. He also formerly worked as a finish carpenter for Aldrich Builders.


**Mr. Reichard**

He was an Angola High School graduate. He was a Native American and a tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawas. His hobbies included fishing, hunting and riding motorcycles.

Surviving are two daughters, Autumn Reichard of Orlando, Fla., and Serena Sommers of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Crystal Reichard of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two grandchildren, Julian Reichard and Nicholas Alan Reichard Jr.; and two sisters, Darleen Martin and Shirley Brauker, both of Coldwater, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Native American Indian services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Chaplain Daphne Derbyshire and Officiate Austen Brauker officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Center for Cancer Care of Goshen, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

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## Mable McCormick

GUN BARREL CITY, Texas — Memorial services will be in held at 1 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange for Mable C. McCormick, 89, of Gun Barrel City.

The Rev. Carldean Merrifield will officiate and burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Mrs. McCormick died Nov. 24, 2005, in Mabank, Texas.

She had lived in Texas the past nine years. Prior to that she had lived in Kendallville for 20 years and in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., for 40 years.

Mrs. McCormick was a homemaker and an avid bridge player.

She was born Oct. 17, 1916, in LaGrange County to Claude J. Sr. and Bertice M. (Feller) Cline. She married William A. McCormick on Feb. 4, 1933, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. He died April 7, 1966.

Surviving are two sons, Robert McCormick of Gun Barrel City and Larry McCormick of Knoxville, Tenn.; a daughter-in-law, Gay McCormick of Alphareta, Ga.; three sisters, Carol Simmons of Goshen, Ramona Knop of Springfield, Ohio, and Nancy Nicholson of Stattsburg, N.Y.; two brothers, Claude Cline Jr. of LaGrange and Samuel Cline of Atlanta, Ga.; and four grandchildren, Doug, Elizabeth, Jeffrey and Jennifer.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, June Haskins, and three brothers, Keith, Donald and Charles Cline.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun to include additional survivors.*

## Rhonda Noe

LIGONIER — Rhonda K. Noe, 38, of Ligonier died Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Noe was a homemaker and lifetime area resident.

She was born Oct. 24, 1967, in Kendallville to Mack and Gladys (Owens) Shepherd.

Surviving are two daughters, Morgan Noe and Summar Noe, both of North Webster; her father, Mack Shepherd of Ligonier; her mother, Gladys Shepherd of Ligonier; her grandmother, Esther Owens of Ligonier; a brother, Gary Gingerich of Elkhart; a special friend, John Akin; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Ligonier Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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## Glen Smith

TOPEKA — Lifetime Topeka resident and former Topeka Fire Chief Glen W. Smith, 100, died Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at LifeCare of LaGrange.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith had been a farmer and had driven truck and been a mechanic for Yoder Oil. He had also been a mechanic for Alvin Kempf.

He was a member of Topeka Baptist Church.

Mr. Smith had been a member of the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years and had retired from the department as chief.

He was an avid hunter and outdoors enthusiast and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He was born Dec. 19, 1905, in Topeka to Charles L. and Castella (Roe) Smith. He married Mildred Greenawalt on Feb. 3, 1931, in South Bend. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Ted Campbell of Topeka; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Vyrel Smith, Joseph Smith, Wilbur "Dick" Smith and Guy "Bert" Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Topeka Baptist Church with the Rev. Harold North and the Rev. Gene Parker officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Dr. Maurice Longenecker

ELKHART — Dr. Maurice C. Longenecker, 100, of Elkhart and Clearwater, Fla., died at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in Woodland Manor in Elkhart.

Dr. Longenecker had been a dentist in Elkhart for 34 years and served on the staff of Elkhart General Hospital for 25 years.

He was a retired Navy captain who served in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps during World War II.

Dr. Longenecker was very active in the Elkart community and was a member of several civic, professional and fraternal organizations.

He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

He was born Jan. 13, 1906, in North Webster to William H. and Mary (Conner) Longenecker. He married Frances E. Mahin on Dec. 22, 1928, in Dayton, Ohio. She died Feb. 16, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Harold Cranmer of Elkhart; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Scott Cranmer; five sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home in Elkhart with Dr. William Hemming of St. Paul's United Methodist Church officiating.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being republished with corrections.*

## Martha Alwood

HUDSON — Martha Jane Alwood, 59, of Hudson died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Alwood was a homemaker.

She was born April 1, 1947, in Garrett to John Samuel and Susan Emeline (Lung) Millhouse. They preceded her in death.

She married Ronald "Red" Alwood on Oct. 8, 1967, in Hillsdale, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald Lee Alwood of Columbia City; three brothers, Walter A. Millhouse of Hamilton, Bob Millhouse of Albion and Jim Millhouse of Wheatland, Wyo.; and a sister, Mary Fertig of Wheatland, Wyo.

A brother, William "Bill" Millhouse, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

## Barbara Lehman

LAGRANGE — Barbara Ann Lehman, 64, of LaGrange died Friday, April 14, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Miss Lehman was a telephone operator for 20 years at United Telephone Co. and lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of LaGrange Missionary Church.

She was born April 10, 1942, in Bluffton to Harold C. and Garnet (Snow) Lehman. They preceded her in death.

Miss Lehman is survived by a half brother, James Lehman of Bluffton.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Josh Hossler will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Robert Kerr

FORT WAYNE — Robert O. Kerr, 95, of Fort Wayne died at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Before retirement in 1975, Mr. Kerr worked as a toolmaker at General Electric for 40 years and had three patents to his credit at GE. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, a former teacher at Ivy Tech State College and a 50-year member of International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union.

He was born May 12, 1910, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Gertrude (Sutter) Kerr. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Kerr is survived by his wife, Leona (Dye) Kerr of Kendallville; a son, Roland C. Kerr of Wolcottville; 11 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Marjorie J. Mills and Patricia Wengert; a son, Robert N. Kerr; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be three hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Bethany Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and Ivy Tech State College Industrial Arts Department.

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# Mrs. Engle was sports fan, participant

**BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND**
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ORLAND — Even though she was never able to pursue the career she likely could have had as a professional athlete, Norma Engle of Orland spent a lot of time in her life either playing sports or rooting for her favorite teams.

"She did love her sports," her daughter-in-law, Rhonda Engle, the widow of Norma's son Gary, said. "She was a real diehard Cubs fan."

Mrs. Engle passed away on April 2. She had been diagnosed with cancer and had been in and out of nursing homes for about the last two-and-a-half years.

Norma's daughter, Cindra Graham, said when she and her siblings were growing up in Orland, her mother could usually be found outdoors.

"She was always out in the yard playing ball with the boys," she said.

In the 1940s, Norma played shortstop on a woman's softball team in Fort Wayne. When Norma was 16, Cindra said, she was approached about joining the traveling women's softball team the Daisies.

**Mrs. Engle**

"But her parents wouldn't let her," Cindra said. "She was too young. I imagine she always thought about that a lot."

Cindra said her father Willard, who died in 1995, never shared his wife's passion for sports.

"They would always watch something else on TV. She had to listen to games on the radio a lot," Cindra said.

Norma loved baseball and softball, but they weren't the only sports she followed.

"She watched basketball and a little of everything else, too," Cindra said.

Rhonda said when her mother-in-law's health was good, she would come and watch her grandchildren when they began participating in school sporting events.

"She would watch my daughter play volleyball," Rhonda said.

Rhonda said although she supposed her mother-in-law was leery of the woman who would marry her son at first ("I think all mothers feel that way," Rhonda said), Norma came to embrace her as a part of the family.

"I got married when I was 18, and my own mother passed away when I was 19," Rhonda said. "When that happened, (Norma) became my mother."

Sports weren't Norma's only passion or talent.

"She was always doing a jigsaw or crossword puzzle," Cindra said. "She passed away on a Sunday, and on the Saturday before, she told me, 'at least I kept my mind.' I told her of course she did. She was always doing those puzzles and they kept her sharp."

Norma also had some prowess in the kitchen.

"She loved to cook," Cindra said. "Everyone loved her lemon pie."

Cindra said in an ironic twist, her mother died on the opening day of the Major League Baseball season.

"Not only was it opening day, but the Cubs won," Cindra said.

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## Roberta Baker

FREMONT — Roberta May Baker, 88, of Fremont died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Baker

Mrs. Baker was a homemaker and sales clerk at Crandall Hardware (Gamble Store) and also worked at Clay Restaurant. She was a member of Pythian Sisters of Fremont, Pleasant Rebekah Lodge of Angola and Fremont United Methodist Church. She was past president of Steuben County Extension Homemakers and attended Asbury Covenant Church in Tavares, Fla.

She was born Oct. 23, 1917, in Fremont to Robert Clinton and Izora Malinda (Bressler) Crandall. She graduated from Fremont High School. She married Charles Fredrick Baker on April 2, 1938, in Orland. He preceded her in death on July 6, 2001.

Mrs. Baker is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosalie Baker of Fremont and Doris and Ritchie Ringler; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Gretchin Baker and Roger and Gwen Baker, all of Fremont; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Max and Winifred Crandall of Coldwater, Mich., and Kenny and June Crandall of Fremont; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Mary Grace Gunthorpe; two brothers, Dale Crandall and Roy Crandall; and a grandson, Jeffery Neal Baker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. The Rev. Keith Olson will officiate. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

## Cynthia Yoho

ANGOLA — Cynthia Yoho, 58, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at her home near Angola.

She was employed by Your Friends and Neighbors of Fort Wayne and enjoyed shopping with her grandchildren, crocheting and sewing.

She was born Aug. 3, 1947, in Marion to Elmer John and Minnie Louise (Busche) Saalfrank. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, Anthony Saalfrank of Columbus, Ohio; a daughter, Anjanette Armentrout of Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren, Arora Saalfrank, Amelia Saalfrank, Andrea Stiles and James Armentrout, all of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Carolyn Saalfrank of Angola; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Dan and Paula Saalfrank of Kendallville and David Saalfrank of Las Vegas.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Saalfrank, in 1988.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Thomas Dunbar will officiate.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Gertrude Smith

FREMONT — Gertrude I. Smith, 87, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of the United Brethren in Christ Church, Corunna. She loved to collect dolls and had a very large Kewpie doll collection.

She was born July 10, 1918, in Auburn to Herman and Viola (Roose) Ball. She married Ora "Dale" Smith on Oct. 2, 1937, in DeKalb County. He survives in Fremont.

Mrs. Smith is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Alvin H. Smith of Angola and Ora Dale Jr. and Linda Smith of Hudson; three daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Hirschy of Hudson, Ruth Little of Butler and Doris Ann and Linville Ritchie of LaGrange; a sister, Henrietta Lucinda "Cindy" Robbins of Auburn; 22 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Woodrow Ball and Fred Ball; and three sisters, Dora Upton, Lula Spallinger and Irene Spallinger.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. The Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Brethren in Christ Church, Corunna.

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## James Howell

AUBURN — James Francis Howell, 86, fo Auburn and formerly of Decatur County, Ind., died Friday, April 14, at 4 a.m. in Sacred Heart Nursing Home at Avilla.

Mr. Howell was a vocational agriculture and science teacher for 33 years, retiring from North Decatur High School in 1979. He previously taught at New Point High School and three schools in Mississippi before moving to Decatur County in 1954. He attended Berry College in Rome, Ga., and graduated from Mississippi State in 1950.

He was a member of the Greensburg United Methodist Church, a charter member of Decatur County Teachers Organization, the Rural Couples Club, Decatur County Farm Bureau, the Indiana and Decatur County Retired Teachers Association and Parkinson's Support Group.

In 2004, he was recognized as a 50-year member of the New Point Masonic Lodge, having served as secretary for numerous years and as Worshipful Master. He was also a member of the Indianapolis Valley Scottish Rite and Lois Chapter of Eastern Star (Associate Worthy Patron 1962).

He served in the Army Air Corps from 1942-1945 as a B-24 flight engineer and gunner. He completed 50 missions in Southern Europe, including missions to the Ploesti Romania Oil Fields in 1944. He is a member of the 456th Bomb Group Association.

Mr. Howell was born April 9, 1920, to Emmett Presley and Ira Johnson Howell in Itawamba County, Miss.

He married Jennie Pickett on Sept. 17, 1944, at Berry College in Rome, Ga. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. James Foster and Kim Howell of Batesville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ira Jane and Bob Johnson of Howe and Jamie Frances and Bernie Sukala of Auburn; six grandsons: Andrew Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bryce Howell of Fairborn, Ohio, Scott Howell of Sunrise, Fla., Christopher Johnson and his wife, Jessica, of West Lafayette, David Howell of Urbana, Ill., and Tim Johnson of Howe; one granddaughter, Erin Sukala of Auburn; and two great grandchildren: Addison and Sarah Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Monte Howell Fricks of Rome, Ga., and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Herbert and Hubert Howell, two sisters. Helen Warr and Pauline Reynolds, and one grandson, Cristian James Sukala.

Services will be at Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home in Greensburg on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Smyrna Lutheran Cemetery in Decatur County

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the New Point Masonic Lodge, New Point Fire Department Building Fund, Greensburg United Methodist Church, Parkinson's Foundation, or the American Heart Association.

## Dolly Marie Heiny

ALBION — Dolly Marie Heiny, 82, died at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Heiny was a homemaker and lived most of her lifetime in the Albion community. She loved flowers, children and fishing.

She was born Jan. 21, 1924, in Dover, Tenn., to William and Eula (Fitchew) Hooks. She married Lawrence H. Heiny on Jan. 2, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Avilla.

Mrs. Heiny is also survived by a son, Larry Heiny of Tennessee; a brother, Buddy Hooks of Clarksville, Tenn.; and two sisters, Evelyn Buss and Gloria Richardson, both of Clarksville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Rudy and Noreen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate.

Calling will be two hours prior to services, with rosary at 10:45 a.m. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Charles Boggs

WATERLOO — Charles A. Boggs, 51, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Boggs was a machinist for Air Way Manufacturing in Waterloo.

He was born July 26, 1954, in Auburn to Charles E. and Aurelia J. (Johnson) Boggs. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Waterloo.

Mr. Boggs is also survived by three sisters, Catherine A. Boggs and Oscar Johnson of Indianapolis, Carole J. Boggs and Merlin Baird of Story Lake and Caye L. and Scott Lutz of Monticello; two nephews, Robert Hardy Jr. and Richard Hardy; three nieces, Crissi Griggs and her husband, Billy, Amber Graham and Angie Skelly; and four great-nephews, Nick Griggs, Seth Griggs, Lucas Griggs and Noah Griggs.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Chris J. Boggs.

There will be no service.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

## Roger Crothers

LIGONIER — Roger Lee Crothers, 62, of Ligonier died at 8:50 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Crothers had been employed at Goshen Sash & Doors as an order filler. A lifelong resident of Ligonier, he was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and West Noble American Legion. He enjoyed reading and the outdoors.

He was born Jan. 14, 1944, in Noble County to Robert B. and Florence C. (Cornforth) Crothers. He married Linda R. (King) Crothers on Nov. 25, 1976. She survives.

Mr. Crothers is also survived by a sister, Linda Hess of Huntington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Sarah Waggoner; and a nephew, Chuck Waggoner.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Revs. Michael Heinbaugh and Jean Ness will officiate.

Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Noble County Humane Society.

## Mable Reaper

LAGRANGE — Mable Reaper, 81, of LaGrange died Friday, April 14, 2006.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

## Evelyn Stanley

AUBURN — Evelyn E. Stanley, 74, of Auburn died at 6:40 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) in Kendallville.

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## Evelyn Stanley

AUBURN — Evelyn E. Stanley, 74, of Auburn died at 6:40 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Stanley

Mrs. Stanley had been ill since December 2005.

She was a homemaker and had lived in the area since 1970.

Mrs. Stanley was born May 26, 1931, in Mt. Ash, Ky., to the late Bart and Sallie (Vickery) Gibbins. She married Willis E. Stanley on April 14, 1956, in Lawrenceburg, Ky. He died July 4, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jimmy Ritchie of Wolcottville, Connie and Mark Armstrong of Auburn and Joyce and Brian Sparkman of Ligonier; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Brown of Cromwell, Ken and Diane Stanley of Donaldsville, Ohio, and James Stanley of Rome City; 19 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters and a grandson, Scotty Ritchie, in 1977.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church with Pastor Jamie Owens and Pastor Mathias Snodderley officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be her nephews.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the family or DeKalb County Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Velma Gray

KENDALLVILLE — Velma E. Gray, 80, of Kendallville died at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had been a resident for more than 10 years.

Among her survivors are a daughter, Rebecca Roberts of Kendallville; two sons, James Gray Jr. of Kendallville and Robert Gray of Dillsburg, Pa.; and a sister, Viola Ballinger of Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## DeVon Lambright

LAGRANGE — DeVon Jay Lambright was stillborn Sunday, April 16, 2006, at New Eden Care Center in Topeka to David L. and Mollie W. (Hochstetler) Lambright of LaGrange.

Also surviving are three brothers, Richard Lee, Jonathan Wayne and Duane Ray Lambright, all at home; and grandparents, Leland and Mary Ann Lambright, Wesley and Mary Hochstetler, Willis and Katie Hochstetler, and Emma Hochstetler, all of LaGrange, Harley and Ida Lambright of Topeka, and Jonathan and Clara Miller of Wolcottville.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Mast Cemetery in LaGrange with Bishop Delbert Mast officiating.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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## Charles Boggs

WATERLOO — Charles A. Boggs, 51, died Friday, April 14, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Boggs was a machinist for Air Way Manufacturing in Waterloo.

He was born July 26, 1954, in Auburn to Charles E. and Aurelia J. (Johnson) Boggs. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Catherine A. Boggs and Oscar Johnson of Indianapolis, Carole J. Boggs and Merlin Baird of Story Lake and Caye L. and Scott Lutz of Monticello; two nephews, Robert Hardy Jr. and Richard Hardy; three nieces, Crissi Griggs and her husband, Billy, Amber Graham and Angie Skelly; and four great-nephews, Nick Griggs, Seth Griggs, Lucas Griggs and Noah Griggs.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Chris J. Boggs.

There will be no service. Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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## Lewis Gregg

COLUMBIA CITY — Lewis E. Gregg, 84, of Columbia City died at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor where she had been a resident since Feb. 15.

Mr. Gregg

Mr. Gregg had been employed for 30 years at LML Engineering and had retired in 1990 from Trier Ford Lincoln Mercury with 10 years of service.

He had served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II and was discharged Dec. 16, 1945.

Mr. Gregg was a member of Grace Lutheran Church where he was on the finance committee and treasurer from 1984 to 2004. He also was active with the men's prayer breakfast.

He was a graduate of Columbia City High School and attended Purdue University.

He was born April 15, 1922, in Columbia City to H. Randall and Wanda O. (Riddle) Gregg. He married Lois M. Keirn on June 5, 1943. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Richard Bentz of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Diana Gregg of Crown Point; a brother, Gordon W. Gregg of Decatur; a sister, Carole Binkley of Columbia City; and four grandchildren, Lindsay Bentz, Joshua Bentz, Anne Gregg and Aidan Gregg.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James R. Gregg.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress officiating. Burial will be in at a later date at South Park Annex Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Grace Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

## Rebecca Patterson

KENDALLVILLE — Rebecca S. Patterson, 47, of Kendallville died suddenly at 2:17 a.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Miss Patterson had lived in Fort Wayne and the surrounding area for 30 years and had many friends in the Kendallville area.

She enjoyed reading romance novels, going to garage sales and collecting purses.

She was born Nov. 28, 1958, in Shelbyville to Jesse and Darlene (Spillman) Patterson. Her mother is deceased and her father survives in Shelbyville.

Also surviving are a brother, John Patterson of Shelbyville; and a special friend, Phyllis Nichols of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) with the Rev. Ann Marshall of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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## Robert Custer

AUBURN — Robert L. Custer, 76, of Auburn died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Custer was a farmer and a member of the DeKalb County Horseman's Association.

He was born July 3, 1929, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are a sister, Eileen Maliszewski of Auburn; a nephew, Tim Maliszewski of Naples, Fla.; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Wilma Baird and Betty Custer; and a brother, Buford Custer.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Horseman's Association, c/o James Knott, 5913 C.R. 7, Garrett, IN 46738.

## Lonzo Baugh Sr.

HAMILTON — Lonzo Baugh Sr., 70, of Hamilton died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Baugh was a factory worker at Auburn Gear for more than 22 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of UAW Local 825 and was an avid fisherman.

He served as a pastor at the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley for the past 13 years.

He was born May 1, 1935, in Zelda, Ky., to Tom and Cora (Newsome) Baugh. They preceded him in death.

He married Beatrice (Humphrey) Baugh on Feb. 6, 1961, in Ashland, Ky. She survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lonzo Baugh Jr. and Mary Baugh of Topeka and Robert Baugh of Hamilton; two daughters-in-law, Tanya Baugh-Haverstock of Hamilton and Julie Baugh-Jones of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Bonnie Baugh of Catlettsburg, Ky.; a sister, Mary Belle Reed of Louisa, Ky.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Mollie and Richard Thomas, Justin and Alisha Baugh, Phillip Baugh, Michael Baugh and Joanna Baugh; three great-grandchildren, Jade Baugh, Kellie Thomas and Logan Baugh; and a special friend, Joshua Thimlar.

He was preceded in death by two sons, John David Baugh and Charles Thomas Baugh, both in 1989; five brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church at Ashley. Pastor Sam Wiemer, Brother Charles Witt Sr. and Brother Barry St. Clair will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

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## Virginia Dean

HAMILTON — Virginia "Ginny" Ruth Dean, 96, of Hamilton died early Sunday morning, April 16, 2006, at the Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Dean was the owner of Lakeview Flowers in Hamilton from the 1950s to the 1970s. She attended the Hamilton Church of Christ and Angola Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 15, 1909, in Auburn to Earl A. and Florence (Fretz) Graham. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Howard F. Dean, preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Gene Dean of Powell, Ohio, and Joseph Dean of Hamilton; seven grandchildren, Kathy Ehrman and her husband, Randy, of Angola, Allen Dean and his wife, Shelly, of Bryan, Ohio, Mike Dean and his wife, Marsha, of Greensboro, Ga., Tony Dean and his wife, Carol, of Bryan, Ohio, and Patrick, Scott and Jody Dean, all of Arcola; four great-grandchildren, Troy Schwartzengraber and his wife, Dawn, of Angola, Chris Schwartzengraber of Angola, Sara Dean of Cleveland and Rachel Dean of Powell; and two great-great-granddaughters, Megan and Janna Schwartzengraber of Angola.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Raymond, John, William, Robert and James Graham; and two sisters, Helen Bloom and Fairy Graham.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with the Rev. John Stevenson officiating. Burial will be in the Eddy Cemetery near Hamilton.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lake James Christian Assembly.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

## Hazel Herendeen

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel I. Herendeen, 92, of Kendallville died at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Herendeen had been an embroidery operator.

She had moved to Noble County in 1921.

Mrs. Herendeen was born Feb. 15, 1914, in White Hills, Ill., to Charles Alvin and Eva Mae (Strowmatt) Bradburg. She married M. Dale Herendeen on June 13, 1935, at the Noblesville Christian Church. He died Feb. 8, 1987.

Surviving are a niece, Judy Cook of Fort Myers, Fla.; a nephew, William Bradburg of South Bend; a great-niece, Debra Bobik of Walkerton; two cousins, Geneva Becker of Kendallville and William Strowmatt of Garrett; and several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in rural Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

## Orville Hammon

THOUSAND PALMS, Calif. — Orville L. Hammon, 69, of Thousand Palms, Calif. died Monday, April 17, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Hammon was a summer resident of Steuben County. He was born Oct. 18, 1936, in Napoleon, Ohio, to Raymond and Laura (Meyer) Hammon. He was married to JoAnn Simpson on Feb. 20, 1999, and she survives.

He owned and operated a home for autistic children. He was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in California.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Wendy Hammon of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Terry and Crystal Hammon of Bermuda Dunes, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Ken Braden of Riverside, Calif.; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Donald and Arleta Hammon, James Hammon and Larry Hammon, all of Defiance, Ohio, and Raymond and Solia Hammon of Riverside; a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and William Bennett of Defiance; and seven grandchildren, Crystal Kay, Nikole, Curtis, Derike, Jordan, Daniel and Kamryn.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carolyn Helf Hammon; and three sisters.

No services are planned.

Condolences can be sent to JoAnn Hammon, 32191 Shasta Place, Thousand Palms, CA 92276.

Local arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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## Richard Garman

ANGOLA — Richard R. "Grandpa" Garman, 66, of Angola died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Garman

Mr. Garman was born Jan. 1, 1940, in Chickasaw, Ohio, to Augusta and Frances (Voskul) Garman. He was married to Betty Sibert Gardner on Dec. 30, 1983. She survives.

He worked at Huffy Manufacturing in Celina, Ohio, for 41 years and retired from Ball Brass in Auburn in 2002. He enjoyed fishing and was a NASCAR enthusiast.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dean and Lisa Gardner of Angola and Greg Gardner of Celina; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Dave Hole of Celina and Ruth and Dennis Steele of Fremont; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Norbert and Priscilla Garman of Chickasaw and Charles and Erlene Garman of New Breman, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Donald Staughler of Coldwater, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by six sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the family care of Betty Garman.

## Lois Bidlack

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Lois C. Bidlack, 87, of Defiance, Ohio, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Harborside Healthcare Center in Defiance.

Mrs. Bidlack was born May 6, 1918, in Continental, Ohio, to David and Blanche (Maddock) Donaldson. She married Ford S. Bidlack on Sept. 19, 1935, and he died on May 27, 1992.

She was a member of Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren, where she belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of the Pollyanna Club in Continental. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Walter Bidlack of Angola; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathleen Buell of Stryker, Ohio, Joan and Tom Traxler of Pioneer, Ohio, and Pam and Michael Johnson of Defiance; 16 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sons, Ora, Larry and Darwin Bidlack; a daughter, Janet Bidlack; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Doris Bodenbender; and two brothers, Clarence and Aaron Donaldson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren in rural Defiance, with the Rev. John Mummert officiating. Burial will be in North Mount Zion Cemetery, Putnam County, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance, and also one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Memorials are to Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren or Caring Way Building Fund.

## Gloria Bertram

CROMWELL — Gloria Edith Bertram, 81, of Cromwell died Monday, April 17, 2006, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

## Velma Gray

KENDALLVILLE — Velma E. Gray, 80, of Kendallville died at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had been a resident more than 10 years.

Mrs. Gray had retired from Maple Leaf Duck Hatchery in Cromwell where she had worked more than 10 years.

She was born Nov. 22, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Gustive and Edith (Pierce) Rutz. She married James E. Gray on May 27, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He died June 27, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Carson Roberts of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, James E. Jr. and Jackie Gray of Columbia City and Robert and Bobbie Gray of Dillsburg, Pa.; a sister and brother-in-law, Viola and Edward Ballinger of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Rutz; and a sister, Dorothy Gillingham.

Private services will be held at Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

A reception for family and friends will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, 351 N. Allen Chapel Road.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

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## Donald Vance

COLDWATER, Mich. — Donald McHenney Vance, 83, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Detroit died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at home.

Mr. Vance

Mr. Vance was born Jan. 3, 1923, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Elizabeth McHenney and James Erwin Vance. He was married to Adeline L. Vance, and she preceded him in death on March 3, 1993.

He was a retired land surveyor for the city of Detroit. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. He was a member of Montgomery, Mich., American Legion Post No. 156 and the California Presbyterian Church in Branch County, Mich., where he was in charge of the church bulletins for many years.

He was a graduate of Montgomery High School and Tri-State University in Angola. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, traveling to Renfro Valley at Mount Vernon, Ky., and listening to Christian and country music.

Surviving are six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Josephine Rinehold of Jackson, Mich., Margaret and Don Ofte of Albuquerque, N.M., Betty Power of Hampton, Va., Mary Golliver of Lawrence, Mich., Jan and Jim Miner of Davisburg, Mich., and Joyce and Jack Sherman of Vancouver, Wash.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Raymond and Peg McHenney of Ocala, Fla., Gerald and Dorothy McHenney of Rome City, Frederick Ward McHenney of Monroe, Mich., and John and Marlene McHenney of Ohio; many nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Betty Jones from Bethpage, Tenn.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in California Township Cemetery, Montgomery, with military committal services conducted by members of the Montgomery American Legion.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to California Presbyterian Church or Tri-State University.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct information from the funeral home.*

## Roger Crothers

LIGONIER — Roger Lee Crothers, 62, of Ligonier died at 8:50 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Crothers had been employed at Goshen Sash & Doors as an order filler. A lifelong resident of Ligonier, he was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and West Noble American Legion.

He enjoyed reading and the outdoors.

He was born Jan. 14, 1944, in Noble County to Robert B. and Florence C. (Cornforth) Crothers. He married Linda R. (King) Crothers on Nov. 25, 1976. She survives.

Mr. Crothers is also survived by a sister, Cynthia Hess of Huntington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Sarah Waggoner; and a nephew, Chuck Waggoner.

Services were Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Revs. Michael Heinbaugh and Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Noble County Humane Society.

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## Virginia Mitchell

BRYAN, Ohio — Virginia Elenora Lavens Mitchell, 88, of Bryan died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at Hillside Country Living in rural Bryan.

**Mrs. Mitchell**

She was a member of Ney United Methodist Church and had been active in the United Methodist Women group for many years. She more recently had attended First Church of Christ in Bryan and was a member of its Senior Saints group.

She was born in Pulaski, Ohio, on Aug. 28, 1917 to Soloman and Myrtle (White) Bostater. She married Edmond Lavens on Nov. 21, 1935, and he preceded her in death. She then married Thoral Mitchell on Jan. 29, 1994, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Edmond V. Lavens of Fremont; two daughters and their husbands, Phyllis and Jerry Selkow of Dunedin, Fla., and Patricia and Jerry Pierson of Enid, Okla.; two stepdaughters, Linda Smith and her husband, Randy, of Delaware, Ohio, and Karen Menefee of Bryan; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Viola and Alden Leslie of Montpelier, Ohio, Wilina Kornrumpf of Bryan and Vileta Koch of Florida; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 4 stepgrandchildren.

In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Barbara Jean Brown; two granddaughters, Kayann Brown and Deanna Brown; two sisters, Nellie Ladd and Doris Rowe; five brothers, Roland Boothman, Ellsworth "Bud" Bostater, George Bostater, Roger Bostater and Williams Bostater; and a stepson, Thoral Mitchell Jr.

Services are today at 11 a.m. at Burr Funeral Home and Crematory, 225 E. High St., Bryan, Ohio, with Pastor Larry Snavely officiating. Burial will be in Ney Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ney United Methodist Church or Bryan First Church of Christ. Condolences may be sent to the family and the on-line guest book may be signed at www.burrfh.com.

## Hannah Eash

LAGRANGE — Hannah E. Eash was stillborn Monday, April 17, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange to Elmer E. and Sara Mae (Hochstetler) Eash of LaGrange.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Also surviving are five sisters, Laura, Ruth Ann, Christina, Fannie Mae and Rosella Kay, all at home; two brothers, James and LaVon; maternal grandparents, Eli W. and Fannie Mae Hochstetler of LaGrange; paternal grandparents, Ernest P. and Wilma Eash of LaGrange; paternal great-grandparents, Ervin M. and Mary Miller of Topeka and Esther Eash of Howe; and maternal great-grandparents, Willis and Katie Hochstetler of LaGrange.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mast Cemetery at LaGrange with Bishop Perry Whetstone officiating.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Carl Hess

FORT WAYNE — Carl Erwin Hess, 79, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hess was the owner of Carl's Barber Shop, retiring in 1975. He had also worked for Peter Eckrich & Sons from 1975-1986.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Hess was born Aug. 16, 1926, in Avilla to Erwin and Bertha (Funk) Hess.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dennis Geisleman of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Charlene Hess of Fort Wayne, Thomas and Jean Hess of Wolcottville and Steven and Jan Hess of Fort Wayne; a sister, Treva McVoy of Fort Myers, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

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## Edgar Kramer

MADISON — Edgar R. "Ed" Kramer, 90, of Madison died Monday, April 17, 2006, at Meadow View Health & Rehab Center in Salem.

Mr. Kramer retired in 1981 after 30 years of civil service. He had served as a security officer at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. Following his retirement, he moved from Indianapolis back to the family farm in Madison where he farmed and gardened.

He was a 1933 graduate of Central High School. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 during World War II where he rose to the rank of second class petty officer. He served on several submarines until he was discharged in 1945.

Mr. Kramer was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Madison. He was a member of many service-related organizations and active in the Farm Bureau.

He will be remembered as an avid historian and storyteller.

Mr. Kramer was born Sept. 30, 1915, in Madison to Peter and Clara (Ryker) Kramer. He married Ruth Cooper on June 23, 1951, in Lebanon. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Barbara Kramer of Ligonier; two daughters, Joy Ann Kramer of Indianapolis and Lisa Kramer of Madison; three grandchildren, Michael Joseph Kramer Jr., Jennifer Marie Karamer and Laura Ann Kramer; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kelley Kramer in November 1985; a brother, Willis Kramer; and two sisters, Clara Adkins in 2001 and Florence Kramer in 2002.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison with the Rev. John Meyer officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery in Madison.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and two hours prior to services Thursday at the funeral home. The U.S. Submarine Veterans of WW II Chapter 500 will conduct a memorial service at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and a rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the Friends of Shawe & Pope John.

Condolences may be sent online to www.morganwebsternay.com.

## Mitchel Patrick

LIGONIER — Mitchel Patrick, 64, of Ligonier died Monday, April 17, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Patrick was a Baptist minister and served the Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

He had moved to the Ligonier area 45 years ago from Kentucky.

Mr. Patrick enjoyed woodworking and traveling with his grandchildren.

He was born Oct. 1, 1941, in Hazard, Ky., to George and Reva (Prater) Patrick. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Kentucky. He married Edna Jacobs in 1962 in Rome City. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Patrick of Albion; a daughter, Elizabeth Bush of Goshen; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Leon and Martha Patrick of Rome City and George and Marcella Patrick and David and Deb Patrick, all of Kentucky; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Marvis and Buford Owens of Ligonier and Gladys and Joe Carter and Priscilla and Bobby Owsley, all of Kentucky; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Don Mitchel Patrick; and a granddaughter, Brandy Bush.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City with the Rev. Bill Tuttle and the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier and two hours prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

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## Mildred Rigel

MUNCIE — Mildred D. Rigel, 88, of Muncie died unexpectedly Friday, April 14, 2006, at Ball Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Rigel

She was born in Yale, Ky., on July 18, 1917, to Joseph and Eva (Hunt) Mynhier.

She graduated from Cromwell High School in 1937.

Mrs. Rigel was a member of the Shawnee Heights Baptist Church, where she served as a deaconess. She was also a member of the Social Order of the Beauceant and the Calebs Kin Seniors Group.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Joyce and Everett Dick and Linda Rigel, all of Muncie, and Jeannie and David Carson of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Mary Rigel of Eaton; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert and Clara Mynhier, of Creasptown, Md., and Roy D. Mynhier of Ligonier; a sister, Pauline Horine of Indianapolis; two sisters-in-law, Verna Harrington of South Bend, and Mildred Burns of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 51 years, Harry; a brother, Joseph Mynhier, and a sister, Violet Freeman.

Services were Tuesday at Meeks Mortuary and Crematory Chapel with Dr. Dennis Hammons officiating. Burial was in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery, north of Muncie.

Memorials are to the Shawnee Heights Baptist Church, P. O. Box 2324, Muncie, IN 47307 or the Cancer Services of Delaware County (The Little Red Door), 401 W. Jackson St., Muncie, IN 47305-1516.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

## Frances Nelson

MONTEREY — Frances B. Nelson, 82, of Monterey and formerly of Mongo died Sunday, April 17, 2006, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Winamac.

Mrs. Nelson had lived in LaGrange County until six years ago.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Nelson was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Stroh. She married Clifford A. Nelson on Feb. 17, 1940. He died Oct. 16, 1999.

Surviving are three sons, Clifford A. Nelson Jr. of Howe, Jerry S. Nelson of Kendallville and Randy A. Nelson of Monterey; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Burl Morrison Schuman.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at English Prairie Cemetery in Howe with the Rev. William Foster officiating.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.furripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Lila Deuitch

LAPORTE — Lila Katherine Deuitch, 81, of LaPorte died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at 11:15 p.m. at her residence.

Mrs. Deuitch retired as a legal secretary for the David Osborne law office. She was an avid bridge player and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Peter Catholic Rosary Society-St. Joan of Arc Circle, the LaPorte Hospital Auxiliary and the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority.

She was born in Garrett to Nelson and Julia (Cartwright) Burtch on Nov. 9, 1924. She was a 1943 graduate of Garrett High School.

On April 27, 1946, in Garrett, she married John H. "Jack" Deuitch, who survives. They moved to LaPorte in 1946.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Marc Pizarek of Granger and Jann and Steve Kuhn of Potomac Falls, Va.; a granddaughter, Alison Ladson; four grandsons, Gregory and Kristofer Pizarek and Jeffrey and Patrick Kuhn; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Lois Deuitch; and two brothers, Richard and Raymond Burtch.

Services will be Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church in LaPorte. Burial will be in Union Mills Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. and Thursday from 8-9 a.m. at Essling Funeral Home, 1117 Indiana Ave., LaPorte, with a rosary service today at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to ALS Therapeutic Development Foundation, 215 1st St., Cambridge, MA 02142 or to VNA Hospice, 901 S. Woodland Ave., Michigan City, IN 46360.

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## Gloria Bertram

CROMWELL — Gloria Edith Bertram, 81, of Cromwell died Monday, April 17, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bertram

Mrs. Bertram was a homemaker and had retired from Monsanto in Ligonier.

She was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ and the Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Bertram was the chairwoman of the 101 Club and a member of Clock Club No. 26 of Indiana, AARP Chapter 4100 in Albion and Stone's Trace Historical Society.

She was born March 24, 1925, in Kimmell to Orlo and Effie (Maggart) Werker. She married Russell T. Bertram on June 30, 1946, at Sparta Church in Kimmell. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Linda Bertram of Cromwell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Edith Van Houten of Fort Wayne and Dawn and Robert Ray of Churubusco; a brother, Arnold Werker of Goshen; a sister, Georgia Shellabarger of Brookville, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Russel Werker, and a son-in-law, Judd Van Houten.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell with Pastor Curryanne Hostetler officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeal Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Paula Sexton

KENDALLVILLE — Paula Sexton, 40, of Kendallville died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Among her survivors are her parents, Carl and Marla Sexton of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

## Ellen Shaw

FORT WAYNE — Ellen M. Shaw, 73, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 17, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shaw was born in Continental, Ohio. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, Rocky Shaw and Leroy Shaw Jr., both of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Barb and Paul Kage of Fremont, Kitty and Sonny Ulery of New Haven and Jacqueline and Rob Anderson of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Robert Scott, Freddy Scott, Frankie Scott, Tom Scott and Darold Scott, all of Ohio; three sisters, Lucille Axson of Monroeville, Martha Syndram of Fort Wayne and Ditty Chapman of Hicksville, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Shaw, in 1989; a son, Robert Russell Shaw; two great-grandchildren; a brother; and five sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Joel DeSelm officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

## Richard Wogoman

HAMILTON — Richard L. Wogoman, 77, of Hamilton died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Wogoman owned and operated Hudson Marathon in Hudson. He then worked as a mechanic and tire salesman for Newnam Tire and then at Eagle Picher in Ashley until he retired in 1994. He enjoyed spending time with his late dog, Teddy.

He was born Feb. 22, 1929, in Kendallville to John and Lillie (Boyd) Wogoman. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Auburn.

He married Evaleena Emerick on March 17, 1956. She died March 30, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, John Wogoman of Butler, Jeffery and Jackie Wogoman of Angola and Patrick and Marcia Wogoman of Fremont; three stepsons and their wives, Jack and Ellen Emerick of Hudson, Jimmy and Sharon Emerick of Pleasant Lake and Mike and Norma Emerick of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cathy and Larry Gaff of Hamilton and Janice Wogoman of Lake Seneca, Ohio; a stepdaughter and her husband, Bonnie and Dave Day of LaGrange; a good friend, Lynn Bender of Hamilton; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Lehner; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Mount Pisgah Cemetery at Stroh.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
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# Velma Gray, 80

KENDALLVILLE – Velma E. Gray, 80, a longtime resident of Noble County and widow of James E. Gray, died at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006 at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville. She had been a resident there for over ten years.

Mrs. Gray was born on November 22, 1925 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Gustive and Edith (Pierce) Rutz and spent her formative years there.

On May 27, 1948 she was married in Fort Wayne to James E. Gray and had lived in Noble County since her marriage.

She was retired from the Maple Leaf Duck Hatchery in Cromwell where she had worked for over ten years.

Mr. Gray preceded her in death on June 27, 1992.

Among the surviving relatives are her daughter Rebecca (Carson) Roberts of Kendallville; two sons, James E. (Jackie) Gray, Jr. of Columbia City, and Robert (Bobbie) Gray of Dillsburg, Penn; a sister, Viola (Edward) Ballinger of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and one-greatgrandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother Marvin Rutz and by a sister Dorothy Gillingham.

Private family burial will be held at the Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. At the request of Mrs. Gray, a memorial reception for family and friends will be held from 2. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill, 351 N. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville.

# Hazel I. Herendeen, 92

KENDALLVILLE - Hazel I. Herendeen, 92, of Kendallville died at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Herendeen had been an embroidery operator.

She had moved to Noble County in 1921.

Mrs. Herendeen was born Feb. 15, 1914 in White Hills, Ill., to Charles Alvin and Eva Mae (Strowmatt) Bradburg. She married M. Dale Herendeen on June 13, 1935, at the Noblesville Christian Church. He died Feb. 8, 1987.

Surviving are a niece, Judy Cook of Fort Myers, Fla.; a nephew, William Bradburg of South Bend; a great-niece, Debra Bobik of Walkerton; two cousins, Geneva Becker of Kendallville and William Strowmatt of Garrett; and several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in rural Kendallville.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 19, 2006, Wednesday

## Mitchel Patrick, 64

LIGONIER – Mitchel Patrick, 64, of Ligonier died April 17, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born October 1, 1941 in Hazard, Kentucky, a son of George and Reva (Prater) Patrick.

Coming from Kentucky, he had lived in the Ligonier area for 45 years. In 1962, he was married to Edna (Jacobs) in Rome City. He had been a Baptist minister and had served the Salem United Baptist Church. He enjoyed woodworking and traveling with his grandchildren.

Mr. Mitchel is survived by his wife, Edna of Ligonier; one son, Robert Patrick of Albion; one daughter, Elizabeth Bush of Goshen; three brothers, Leon (Martha) Patrick of Rome City, George Edward (Marcella) Patrick of Kentucky, and David (Deb) Patrick of Kentucky; three sisters, Marvis (Buford) Owens, Gladys (Joe) Carter, and Priscilla (Bobby) Owsley, all of Kentucky; his mother, Reva Patrick of Kentucky; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Patrick; son, Don Mitchel Patrick; and granddaughter, Brandy Bush.

Services will be held Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 11 a.m. at Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City with the Rev. Bill Tuttle and Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 19, 2006 from 4-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home and two hours prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association.

## Dolly Marie Heiny, 82

AVILLA – Dolly Marie Heiny, 82, died Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Heiny was a homemaker and lived most of her life in the Albion area. She loved flowers, children and fishing.

She was born Jan. 21, 1924, in Dover, Tenn., to William and Eula (Fitchew) Hooks. She married Lawrence H. Heiny on Jan. 2, 1950 in Fort Wayne. He survives in Avilla.

Mrs. Heiny is also survived by a son, Larry Heiny of Tennessee; a brother, Buddy Hooks of Clarksville, Tenn.; and two sisters, Evelyn Buss and Gloria Richardson, both of Clarksville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Rudy and Noreen.

Services were held Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Father Daniel Leeuw officiated. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 20, 2006, Thursday

## Bessie Miller

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Bessie A. Miller, 87, of Glendale died at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, 2006, at the Care Center at Glencroft in Glendale.

Mrs. Miller had moved to Arizona in 1983 from LaGrange County.

She had worked in the kitchen at LaGrange Hospital for 10 years and in several LaGrange area restaurants. While in Arizona, she had worked at a day care center.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Northwest Community Church in Phoenix.

She was born April 24, 1918, in Topeka to Isaac and Lydia Ann (Miller) Helmuth. She married Alvin Miller on Dec. 19, 1935. He died March 24, 1983.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Martha and Jon Lapp of Greeley, Colo., Mary and Byrl Curry and Sharon Steinbarger, all of Ocala, Fla., and Carol and Glen Merriman of Sun City, Ariz.; a son and daughter-in-law, LeRoy and Fannie Miller of Goshen; a sister, Mattie Frey of Goshen; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Sovilla Helmuth and Ruben and Edna Helmuth, all of LaGrange, and Melvin and Elsie Helmuth of San Marcus, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Jacob Helmuth; and a son, Kenneth Eugene Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Glenn Merriman officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northwest Community Church in Phoenix.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Wilbur Werner

Mr. Werner

GARRETT — Wilbur D. Werner, 79, of Garrett died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Manapogo Park campground near Orland.

Mr. Werner was a brakeman for the B&O, C&O and CSX railroads for 40 years, retiring in 1991.

He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and was a member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Garrett Eagles, Auburn Elks lodge and the United Trainmen's Union.

He was born March 21, 1927, in Waterloo to Bernard and Thelma (Hutton) Werner.

He married Louise (Evans) Werner on Feb. 4, 1949, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Calvin and Carla Werner of Whiteland; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Larry McKown of Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Cory Werner of Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Diane Barrett will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn, with a military graveside service conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Auburn Elks service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

## Donald Baker

STURGIS, Mich. — Donald L. Baker, 84, of Sturgis died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Baker was born May 9, 1921, in Sturgis to George E. and Zella (Foster) Baker. On March 3, 1973, he married Edith Egan in Battle Creek, Mich. She survives.

He resided in the Sturgis and Howe areas all of his life. Following 20 years of service as a welder, he retired from Burr Oak Tool & Gauge Co. in Sturgis.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy and earning the rank of Shipfitter Third Class. He was an accomplished guitarist and had established his own bands that performed throughout Sturgis and surrounding areas. He had a true love and talent for the art of woodcarving. He carved figurines and carved and built his own guitars.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Jim Myers of Orland, Marilyn Finkey and Judy Dixon, both of Bronson, Mich., and Marg Sprowl of Marquette, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Karole Baker and Edward and Julie Baker, all of Bronson; two stepsons, Donald Corliss of Sturgis and Kenneth Corliss of Kalamazoo, Mich.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Kenneth Baker, in 1973; three brothers; and two sisters.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph County, Mich., Victim's Service Unit.

Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis is in charge of arrangements.

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April 20, 2006, Thursday

## Richard Frost

GARRETT — Richard Allen "Abe" Frost, 71, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Frost

Mr. Frost had been a Garrett resident for 57 years. He worked for Milk Marketing in Fort Wayne for 34 years before retiring in 1987. He was a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 25, 1934, in Willard, Ohio, to Alison and Rita (Breyman) Frost. They preceded him in death.

On April 15, 1957, in Camp Gordon, Ga., he married Rita Phillips. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry and JoJo Frost of Garrett, Tony and Penny Frost of Corunna and Bryan Frost of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and William Hensinger of Garrett; a grandson, Michael Frost; seven granddaughters and their spouses, Nadine and Corey Kline, Nickie Wells, Jessica and Adam Frost, Stephanie Frost, Barbie Adkison, Brystle and Lynn Kimmery and Chealsea Shadrack; five great-grandsons, Gage and Ethan Kline, Drake Dangler, Carson Jacob Hicks and Camrick Kimmery; two great-granddaughters, Brennan Kimmery and Madison Adkison; three brothers, Jack Frost of Garrett, Jim Frost of Auburn and David Frost of Houston, Texas; a sister, Judy Hershiger of Willard; and his mother-in-law, Mabel Kearns of Columbia City.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R.56, Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

## Marat Jumanov

MIDDLEBURY — Marat T. Jumanov, 3 months, died at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

He was born Jan. 15, 2006, in Elkhart to Timur and Oksana (Dorokhova) Jumanov. They survive in Middlebury.

Also surviving are grandparents, Pavel and Nadezhda Dorokhova of Vancouver, Wash., and Marat T. Jumanov of Boshkortastan, UFA, Russia.

Services were today at Ivans Cemetery in Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 20, 2006, Thursday

## Paula Sexton

KENDALLVILLE — Paula Sexton, 40, died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She had been employed for six years at Colwell Merchandising before retiring. She had also worked at Val Discount in Kendallville at one time.

Ms. Sexton was a member of Assembly of God in Kendallville. She loved studying the Bible.

She had maintained a positive attitude about her illness and remained very active. She loved to read, write poems, draw, paint, make bookmarks, do calligraphy and working with her hands. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends at the Lamplighter.

She was born Jan. 21, 1966, in Kendallville to Carl E. and Marelevon (Thornsbury) Sexton. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pam and Jim Montel and Char and Benji Childers, all of Kendallville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl Jr. and Judy Sexton and Tim and Beth Sexton, all of Kendallville, Lee and Norena Sexton of Fort Wayne and Greg and Nancy Sexton of Auburn; 11 nieces and nephews, Chad Sexton, Jeremey Sexton, Jeremiah Montel, Brandy Montel, David Sterling, Ashley Sterling, Marc Martinez, Lindsay Sexton, Carl Sexton Jr. and Carlynn Sexton; two grandnieces, Abigaile Sexton and Jordan Sexton; a grandnephew, Michael Sexton; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Monroe and the Rev. Sam Sawyer officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Assemblies of God missionaries.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Mary Kauffman

MIDDLEBURY — Mary Jean Kauffman, 5 months, of Middlebury died at 10:47 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2006, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. She had been ill with a congenital heart disease.

She was born Nov. 2, 2005, in Goshen to Harvey and Edna (Schmucker) Kauffman. They survive in Middlebury.

Also surviving are a brother, Michael Kauffman, at home; six sisters, Karen Kauffman, Laura Fern Kauffman, Lisa Ann Kauffman, Cheryl Rose Kauffman, Anita Jane Kauffman and Darla Sue Kauffman, all at home; and her grandparents, Fannie Kauffman of Topeka and Freeman and Ida Schmucker of Shipshewana.

Services were held today at the family residence with Bishop LeRoy Lehman and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial was in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April 20, 2006, Thursday

## Gloria Bertram

CROMWELL — Gloria Edith Bertram, 81, of Cromwell died Monday, April 17, 2006, at his home.

**Mrs. Bertram**

Mrs. Bertram was a homemaker and had retired from Monsanto in Ligonier.

She was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ and the Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Bertram was the chairwoman of the 101 Club and a member of Clock Club No. 26 of Indiana, AARP Chapter 4100 in Albion and Stone's Trace Historical Society.

She was born March 24, 1925, in Kimmell to Orlo and Effie (Maggart) Werker. She married Russell T. Bertram on June 30, 1946, at Sparta Church in Kimmell. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Linda Bertram of Cromwell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Edith Van Houten of Fort Wayne and Dawn and Robert Ray of Churubusco; a brother, Arnold Werker of Goshen; a sister, Georgia Shellabarger of Brookville, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Russel Werker, and a son-in-law, Judd Van Houten.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, April 20, at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell with Pastor Curryanne Hostetler officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling was Wednesday at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeal Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Mitchel Patrick

LIGONIER — Mitchel Patrick, 64, of Ligonier died Monday, April 17, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Patrick was a Baptist minister and served the Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

He had moved to the Ligonier area 45 years ago from Kentucky.

Mr. Patrick enjoyed woodworking and traveling with his grandchildren.

He was born Oct. 1, 1941, in Hazard, Ky., to George and Reva (Prater) Patrick. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Kentucky. He married Edna Jacobs in 1962 in Rome City. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Patrick of Albion; a daughter, Elizabeth Bush of Goshen; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Leon and Martha Patrick of Rome City and George and Marcella Patrick and David and Deb Patrick, all of Kentucky; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Marvis and Buford Owens of Ligonier and Gladys and Joe Carter and Priscilla and Bobby Owsley, all of Kentucky; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Don Mitchel Patrick; and a granddaughter, Brandy Bush.

Services were this morning at Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City with the Rev. Bill Tuttle and the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

## Velma Gray

KENDALLVILLE — Velma E. Gray, 80, of Kendallville died at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had been a resident more than 10 years.

Mrs. Gray had retired from Maple Leaf Duck Hatchery in Cromwell where she had worked more than 10 years.

She was born Nov. 22, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Gustive and Edith (Pierce) Rutz. She married James E. Gray on May 27, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He died June 27, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Carson Roberts of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, James E. Jr. and Jackie Gray of Columbia City and Robert and Bobbie Gray of Dillsburg, Pa.; a sister and brother-in-law, Viola and Edward Ballinger of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Rutz; and a sister, Dorothy Gillingham.

Private services will be held at Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April 20, 2006, Thursday

## Evelyn Stanley

AUBURN — Evelyn E. Stanley, 74, of Auburn died at 6:40 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Stanley

Mrs. Stanley had been ill since December 2005.

She was a homemaker and had lived in the area since 1970.

Mrs. Stanley was born May 26, 1931, in Mt. Ash, Ky., to the late Bart and Sallie (Vickery) Gibbins. She married Willis E. Stanley on April 14, 1956, in Lawrenceburg, Ky. He died July 4, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jimmy Ritchie of Wolcottville, Connie and Mark Armstrong of Auburn and Joyce and Brian Sparkman of Ligonier; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Brown of Cromwell, Ken and Diane Stanley of Donaldsville, Ohio, and James Stanley of Rome City; 19 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters and a grandson, Scotty Ritchie, in 1977.

Services were Tuesday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church with Pastor Jamie Owens and Pastor Mathias Snodderley officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be her nephews.

Memorials are to the family or DeKalb County Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Roger Crothers

LIGONIER — Roger Lee Crothers, 62, of Ligonier died at 8:50 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Crothers had been employed at Goshen Sash & Doors as an order filler. A lifelong resident of Ligonier, he was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church and West Noble American Legion.

He enjoyed reading and the outdoors.

He was born Jan. 14, 1944, in Noble County to Robert B. and Florence C. (Cornforth) Crothers. He married Linda R. (King) Crothers on Nov. 25, 1976. She survives.

Mr. Crothers is also survived by a sister, Cynthia Hess of Huntington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Sarah Waggoner; and a nephew, Chuck Waggoner.

Services were Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Revs. Michael Heinbaugh and Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Noble County Humane Society.

## Rhonda Noe

LIGONIER — Rhonda K. Noe, 38, of Ligonier died Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Noe was a homemaker and lifetime area resident.

She was born Oct. 24, 1967, in Kendallville to Mack and Gladys (Owens) Shepherd.

Surviving are two daughters, Morgan Noe and Summar Noe, both of North Webster; her father, Mack Shepherd of Ligonier; her mother, Gladys Shepherd of Ligonier; her grandmother, Esther Owens of Ligonier; a brother, Gary Gingerich of Elkhart; a special friend, John Akin; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were held at Ligonier Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April 20, 2006, Thursday

## Donald Vance

COLDWATER, Mich. — Donald McHenney Vance, 83, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Detroit died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at home.

Mr. Vance was born Jan. 3, 1923, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Elizabeth McHenney and James Erwin Vance. He was married to Adeline L. Vance, and she preceded him in death on March 3, 1993.

He was a retired land surveyor for the city of Detroit. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. He was a member of Montgomery, Mich., American Legion Post No. 156 and the California Presbyterian Church in Branch County, Mich., where he was in charge of the church bulletins for many years.

He was a graduate of Montgomery High School and Tri-State University in Angola. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, traveling to Renfro Valley at Mount Vernon, Ky., and listening to Christian and country music.

Surviving are six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Josephine Rinehold of Jackson, Mich., Margaret and Don Ofte of Albuquerque, N.M., Betty Power of Hampton, Va., Mary Golliver of Lawrence, Mich., Jan and Jim Miner of Davisburg, Mich., and Joyce and Jack Sherman of Vancouver, Wash.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Raymond and Peg McHenney of Ocala, Fla., Gerald and Dorothy McHenney of Rome City, Frederick Ward McHenney of Monroe, Mich., and John and Marlene McHenney of Ohio; many nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Betty Jones from Bethpage, Tenn.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in California Township Cemetery, Montgomery, with military committal services conducted by members of the Montgomery American Legion.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to California Presbyterian Church or Tri-State University.

## Edwin McCarty

LIGONIER — Memorial services for Edwin "Pat" McCarty were held Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Mr. McCarty died April 2, 2006, in Evansville.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

## William Cole

SYRACUSE — William L. (Bill) Cole, 31, of Syracuse, died at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen. He was born November 25, 1974 in Goshen to Harold V. and Lillian M. (Willson) Cole, Sr.

He was a life time resident of the Syracuse area and graduated from Wawasee High School in 1994. He was a former member of the Christian Church in Milford.

He is survived by his mother-Lillian M. Cole of Syracuse; 1 brother-Brian Cole of Ligonier; a sister, Sylvia Cast of Syracuse; half brothers] Thomas Jefferson of Arley, Alabama and Robert Wilson of Warsaw; Nieces and Nephews and Cousins. He was proceeded in death by his father-Harold V. Cole, Sr.; 1 brother-Harold V. Cole, Jr.; and a half-sister, Juanina Chivell.

Services were held Monday at Syracuse Cemetery with Rev. Walter Steffen of Apostolic Christian Church in Milford officiating.

Memorial bequests may be given to the donor's choice in memory of Mr. Cole.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 21, 2006, Friday

## Edith Groseclose

FORT WAYNE — Edith DeHaven Groseclose, 85, of Fort Wayne and Lake James died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Groseclose was born in Fort Wayne. She attended Frances Shimer College, was a member of the Presbyterian Church and held memberships in Junior League, Tri-Kappa, Fort Wayne Art League and Collectors Club.

She did volunteer work for the Red Cross, Parkview Hospital and the Presbyterian Church. Along with her husband, she was a major supporter of the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

Her hobbies included painting, sewing, crafts, cooking and entertaining at her Lake James home.

Surviving are two daughters, Judy G. Weakley of Tulsa, Okla., and Nancy G. Henry of Long Grove, Ill.; a son, James W. Groseclose Jr. of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; a brother, Frank "Jude" DeHaven; and a sister, Phyllis Bathe.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, care of Mizpah Shrine, 407 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Arrangements are being handled by Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

## Cecilia Martin

LAKE JAMES — Cecilia B. Martin, 85, of Lake James died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Martin was born in Pennsylvania. She had worked at General Telephone Co. and Robinair.

Surviving are two sisters, Agnes Karabinas and Lottie Yankowski, both of Swoyerville, Pa.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Martin.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

## John Rice

ANGOLA — John Rice, 85, of Angola died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rice was born March 19, 1921, in Bronson, Mich., to Albert and Onieta G. (Kellett) Rice. He was a former employee of Campbell's Mushroom Farm in Howe.

He enjoyed horseback riding, fishing, splitting wood and being outdoors.

Surviving is a friend, Alberta "Betty" Welch Turner of Crooked Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a good friend, Gaylord Turner.

There will be no services or calling.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 21, 2006, Friday

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

## Paula Sexton

KENDALLVILLE — Paula Sexton, 40, died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

She had been employed for six years at Colwell Merchandising before retiring. She had also worked at Val Discount in Kendallville at one time.

Ms. Sexton was a member of Assembly of God in Kendallville. She loved studying the Bible.

She had maintained a positive attitude about her illness and remained very active. She loved to read, write poems, draw, paint, make bookmarks, do calligraphy and working with her hands. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends at the Lamplighter.

She was born Jan. 21, 1966, in Kendallville to Carl E. and Marelevon (Thornsbury) Sexton. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pam and Jim Montel and Char and Benji Childers, all of Kendallville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl Jr. and Judy Sexton and Tim and Beth Sexton, all of Kendallville, Lee and Norena Sexton of Fort Wayne and Greg and Nancy Sexton of Auburn; 11 nieces and nephews, Chad Sexton, Jeremey Sexton, Jeremiah Montel, Brandy Montel, David Sterling, Ashley Sterling, Marc Martinez, Lindsay Sexton, Greg Sexton Jr. and Carlynn Sexton; two grandnieces, Abigaile Sexton and Jordan Sexton; a grandnephew, Michael Sexton; and several aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Earl and Millie (Hall) Thornsbury, and her paternal grandparents, Harlan and Willa (Gibson) Sexton.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Velman Sexton officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Assemblies of God missionaries.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## James Ramsey

LA CROSSE — James Rolla Ramsey, 66, of La Crosse died Monday, April 17, 2006, at his home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Ramsey had bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from Purdue University.

**Mr. Ramsey**

He had worked for Trane in La Crosse for 19 years before establishing his own firm, Engineer Consulting. He retired in 2003.

He served in the U.S. Army in the artillery division in Erlangen, Germany.

Mr. Ramsey was active at Wesley United Methodist Church where he served as chairman of Trustees and Parsonage Acquisition. He has served as Cubmaster at Hintgen School and was involved with La Crosse Youth Hockey.

He will be remembered for his love of the outdoors and the Mississippi River. He was active in the Blackhawk Retriever Club. He and his wife have established a fund through the club to help pay entry fees to hunt tests for those who train their own dogs.

Mr. Ramsey was born May 10, 1939, in Bloomington to Gail and Hugh Ramsey. He married Carol Clayton on June 6, 1964. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Barbara Ramsev of La Crosse and David and Cindy Ramsey of Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Bernie Greenwell of Elizabethtown, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Carol Ramsey of Kendallville and Charley and Janet Ramsey of Holland, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Services were today at Wesley United Methodist Church in La Crosse with the Rev. Don Lliff officiating.

Memorials are to Gundersen Lutheran Foundation for the Cancer Center, Wesley United Methodist Church or the "Roscoe Fund" with the Blackhawk Retriever Club.

Jandt Funeral Home in La Crosse was in charge of arrangements.

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## Verna Slabaugh

SHIPSHEWANA — Verna E. (Miller) Slabaugh, 81, of Shipshewana died at 5:20 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2006, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Slabaugh was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Aug. 17, 1924, in Wayne County, Ohio, to Eli D. and Mary S. (Troyer) Miller. She married Levi U. Miller on Nov. 7, 1946, in Orrville, Ohio. He preceded her in death on March 13, 1982. She then married Simon T. Slabaugh on Aug. 23, 1986. He preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1995.

Mrs. Slabaugh is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Mary and Melvin Ray Miller and Gladys Miller, all of Sarasota, Fla., and Irene Miller of Shipshewana; four sons and daughters-in-law, Ura and Katie Miller of Sarasota, Perry L. and Esther Miller and Floyd and Jean Miller, all of Shipshewana, and Levi Jr. and Betty Ellen Miller of Arcola; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a stepdaughter, Esther Yoder of Nappanee; three stepsons, Merlin Slabaugh of Lafayette, Fred Slabaugh of Elkhart and Ronnie Slabaugh of Nappanee; 28 stepgrandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ada and Noah Miller of Dundee, Ohio, and Anna and Dan Gingerich of Belle Center, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Eli and Irene Miller of Selingman, Mo.; and a half brother, Levi Miller and his wife, Anna, of Millersburg, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Mil Miller; three half sisters, Amy Miller, Katie Hochstetler and Elizabeth Kutcher; and two half brothers, Andy and John Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family residence, 2230 N. C.R. 500W, Shipshewana. Bishop Menno Petersheim and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Richard Wyatt

ANGOLA — Richard James Wyatt, 86, of Angola died Friday, April 21, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Wyatt was a farmer and a lifetime resident of Angola. He was a member of Steuben County Farm Bureau and Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

He was born Feb. 13, 1920, in Steuben County to Hiram Mason and Audra (McNabb) Wyatt. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Wyatt is survived by four nieces, Marilyn Hill and Bonnie Buell and her husband, Rex, all of Angola, Susan Mullendore of Indianapolis and Jayne Marks of Brownsburg; a sister, Betty Jean Pence of Sebring; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Paul Wyatt, on Oct. 1, 2004; and a nephew, Steven Pence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Association and Steuben County Ducks Unlimited.

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## Willis Smith

FREMONT — Willis Lee Smith, 71, of Fremont died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Smith was a farmer and a lifetime resident of Steuben County.

He was born June 7, 1934, in York Township, Steuben County to Jacob and Laura (Bunce) Smith. He was born, raised and lived all his life on the same farm. He married Helen (Sutton) Smith on March 27, 1965. She survives in Fremont.

Mr. Smith is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Marsha and Steavin German Kratzman of Fremont and Cindy German Kostic of Indianapolis; a sister, Marvel McCann of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Gladys Courtney; and a brother, Kenneth Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

## Minnie Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Minnie J. Bontrager, 82, of Shipshewana died at 4:45 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2006, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange. Her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Nov. 27, 1923, in Sumner County, Ky., to Joni B. and Polly (Troyer) Miller. She married Homer E. Bontrager on April 11, 1946, in Shipshewana. He preceded her in death on March 5, 2002.

Mrs. Bontrager is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Lavern Miller of Millersburg; two sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Rose Bontrager of Goshen and Earl and Mary Anna Bontrager of Shipshewana; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four sisters and brothers-in-law, Susie and Clarence Schlabach and Anna and Lloyd Miller, all of Dalton, Wis., Ella and Ora Hostetler of Topeka and Elva and Vernon Weaver of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Inez Bontrager; and a brother, Ray Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the 850 Center in Shipshewana. Bishop Leroy L. Miller and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence, 8995 W. C.R. 375N, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Modesta Lash

KENDALLVILLE — Modesta Lash, 85, of Kendallville died Friday, April 21, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

## Thee Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Thee Handshoe, 65, of Kendallville died Friday, April 21, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mr. Handshoe is survived by his wife, Buretta, and their children.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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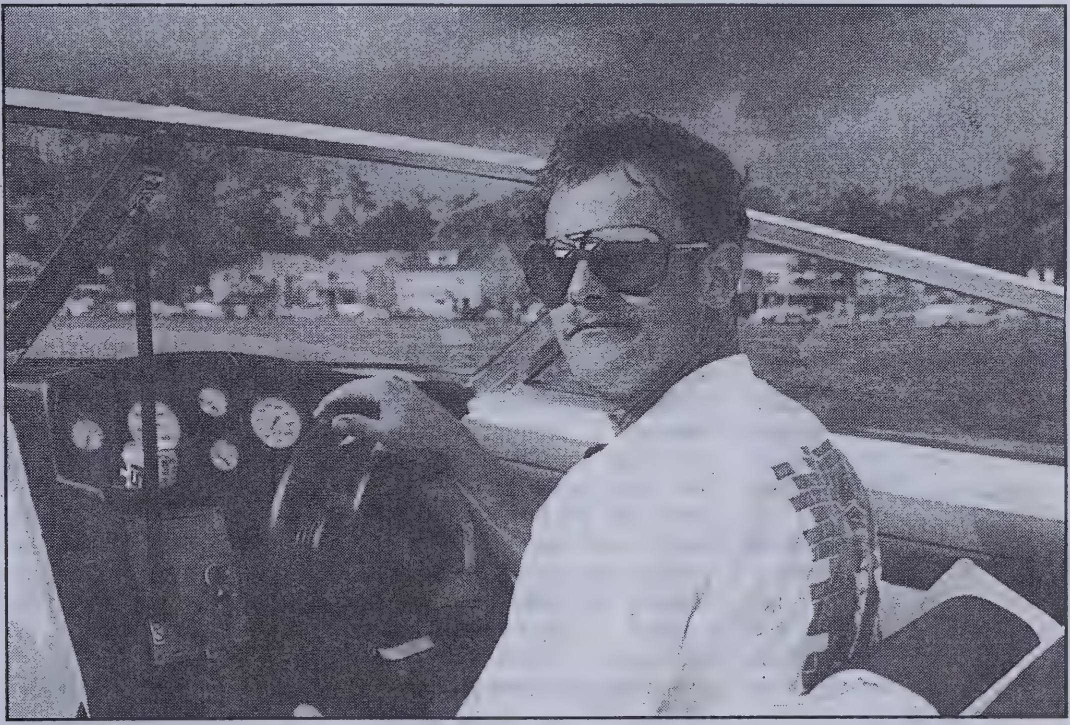
# Former lawman loved a good laugh



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**"This is where I belong," is what David Miller told his brother, Charlie Miller of Butler, about this photo taken in his speedboat on Crooked Lake. David Miller, who also had a passion for computers and CNN news, died April 19 at the age of 42.**

**BY BILL GISEL**
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WATERLOO — To the kids of Waterloo and his fellow law enforcement officers, David Miller was known as "Hollywood."

"That is because he wore big, dark sunglasses, day or night," said Waterloo Town Marshal Ron Livergood, who knew Mr. Miller when Livergood was a deputy on the DeKalb County Police Department.

Mr. Miller worked as a deputy marshal in Waterloo for 10 years before he took a job at Nucor Building Systems about 10 years ago. He died April 19 at the age of 42 after a bout with cancer.

"He had a very wry, dry sense of humor," according to Charlie Miller of Butler, an older brother. Charlie Miller was an officer with the Butler Police Department, starting in 1975, and David Miller joined the Waterloo Marshal's Department in 1984.

"We had identical, nickel-plated Colt Python pistols," Charlie Miller said. His brother's gun was left to him, to be passed on to Charlie's son, Benton.

David and Charlie also shared a passion for speed boats and skiing. They had neighboring camping sites and loved to take to the waters of Crooked Lake. Sometimes they fished.

Among his fellow officers, Mr. Miller was well respected. Former Waterloo Marshal Wade Castator called Mr. Miller, "a pretty good fella who loved his job and loved his family. He was always talking about his family."

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In addition to Charlie, Mr. Miller is survived by brothers Robert Miller of Auburn and Roger Miller of Butler; a sister, Marilyn, also of Butler; and his mother, Eileen.

Castator and former Waterloo Marshal Gary Warfield agreed that Mr. Miller loved to joke and have a good time but said he also was dedicated to serving the people of the community.

"He loved to get something over on somebody," Warfield said. Castator said Mr. Miller was fond of "sharing good stories and a laugh."

Livergood recalled an incident when Mr. Miller was investigating a traffic accident at the intersection of Wayne Street and U.S. 6, involving a car and a semi.

"Dave was out there, using a measuring wheel to take measurements, and he was all bent over, pushing the wheel on a very short stick," Livergood said.

"I asked him what he was doing, and he said, 'taking measurements, but they sure put a short handle on this thing.' I took it from him and extended the handle, and we both shared a good laugh," Livergood said.

Charlie Miller and his good friend, DeKalb County Police Deputy Floyd Fowler, both called Mr. Miller "an old-time lawman" in that the letter of the law sometimes gave way to "using better judgment," according to the situation.

Livergood said Mr. Miller took a job at Nucor, "where he made more money that he ever dreamed as a cop." Charlie Miller said his brother took his nickname with him, and also gave nicknames to a majority of his co-workers.

As a cop, Castator said, Mr. Miller would often say: "If you can't run with the big boys, stay on the porch," in jest with fellow officers.

At Nucor, where Mr. Miller was a flange-maker, Charlie Miller said his brother's favorite expression came to be: "It is all about the flange, boys, it's all about the flange."

Charlie Miller said his brother was diagnosed with small-cell lung cancer after going to a doctor complaining about a motor skill disturbance.

"He was found to have low sodium, and from that they discovered the cancer," Charlie Miller said.

A heavy smoker, Mr. Miller was successfully treated and went back to work around Thanksgiving last year. By Christmas, Mr. Miller was complaining of back aches, and when he went for a checkup, his doctor found tumors on his kidneys.

"It just overwhelmed him," Charlie Miller said. Mr. Miller died at home, where he was being cared for by Charlie.

## Joan Hovarter

KENDALLVILLE — Joan R. Hovarter, 75, died on Friday, April 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

**Mrs. Hovarter**

Mrs. Hovarter was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville and prior to that had worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank. She was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville, where she belonged to the Vesper Circle. She loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends, and she enjoyed sewing.

She was born April 3, 1931, in St. Joe to Floyd and Dolly Mae (Wagner) Barkey. She graduated from Salem Center High School. She married James E. Hovarter on July 14, 1951, at Helmer United Methodist Church. He survives in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hovarter is also survived by a daughter, Debra Clark of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Shelia Hovarter of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Dan Harper of Albion; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Mory McPheeters of Garrett; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Sandy Barkey of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Warren Barkey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate.

Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County. Casketbearers will be Josh Hovarter, Jason Hovarter, Brandon Harper, Mike Weigold, Chris Rorick and Tyson Wallace.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Modesta Lash

KENDALLVILLE — Modesta L. Lash, 85, died Friday, April 21, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Lash

Mrs. Lash was a co-owner of Lash Garage in Kendallville and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. She was a winter resident of Queens Creek in Arizona from 1980-1994 and a member of the Royal Neighbors. She enjoyed playing bingo.

She was born Aug. 24, 1920, in Kendallville to Fred M. and Florence J. (Kuhn) Fought. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1938 and married Francis J. Lash on Aug. 14, 1940. He preceded her in death in February 1994.

Mrs. Lash is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Carolyn Lash and Larry “Butch” Lash, all of Kendallville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Jack Traxler of Avilla and Dora Mae and Norman Hartman and Wendy and Kellen Smith, all of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren, Lynn Lash, James Lash, Barry Traxler, Kim Parrish, Jeri Thomas, Jan Griffis, Troy Hartman, Kevin Hartman, Jeni Cripe, Angie Lash, Laura Schoup and Zach Smith; 13 great-grandchildren, Ashley Lash, Aaron Lash, Austin Lash, Nicholas Lash, Lauren Lash, Jeni Griffis, Mandi Smith, Chad Thomas, Kyle Parrish, Ryan Parrish, Hannah Hartman, Tyler Cripe and Rylee Cripe; a great-great-grandchild, Malori Smith; and two sisters, Betty Gerbeth of South Bend and Lucille Lung of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville. The Rev. Lourdeno Fernandes will officiate.

Burial will be at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Avilla. Casketbearers will be her grandsons Lynn, James, Barry, Troy, Kevin and Zach.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with rosary service at 5:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Wesley Healthcare in Auburn or to Masses at Immaculate Conception Church.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Thee Handshoe

KENDALLVILLE — Thee Handshoe, 65, died on Friday, April 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mr. Handshoe

Mr. Handshoe was employed with Dalton Foundry in Kendallville for about 30 years and had previously worked at McCray Refrigeration for a period of time. He was a Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan, followed the Indianapolis Colts and was a big fan of NASCAR. He enjoyed watching old Western movies, fixing up old lawn mowers and spending time with family.

He was born June 20, 1940, in Handshoe, Ky., to Grover and Ruby Annie (Howard) Handshoe. He married Buretta Hicks Handshoe on June 25, 1960, in Clintwood, Va. She survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Handshoe is also survived by his mother of Hueysville, Ky.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Sue Handshoe of Kendallville and Rick and Valerie Handshoe of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Bertha and Larry Jimenez of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a brother and sister-in-law, Glen and Lora Handshoe of Hueysville; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Gladys and Herman Hale of Kendallville, Oma and Ronnie Bolen of Wolcottville and Mary and Ivan Stanfield of Topmost, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his father and three brothers, Jimmy, Truman and Herman Handshoe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Community Baptist Church on C.R. 700S, Wolcottville. The Revs. Willie Collins and Lee Combs will officiate.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Casketbearers will be James Handshoe, Ryan Handshoe, Justin Handshoe, Storm Jimenez, Gary Hicks and Marion Hicks.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville and anytime after 3 p.m. Monday at the church, with an evening service at 7 p.m.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Larry Growcock

ALBION — Longtime Albion businessman Larry L. "Pete" Growcock, 63, of rural Albion died at 10:05 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Growcock had operated Pete's Barber Shop in Albion for more than 30 years and had been a barber for more than 40 years.

He was a lifetime area resident and 1959 graduate of Wawaka High School.

Mr. Growcock enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge.

He was born Dec. 19, 1942, in Rome City to Frank and Nina (Weaver) Growcock. They are deceased. He married Linda Weimer on Jan. 19, 1963, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Growcock of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Darcie and Greg Marvin of White Water, Wis.; two brothers, Bob Growcock and Jim Growcock, both of Wolcottville; four sisters, Mary Jo Gard of Fremont, Nancy Fulford of Wawaka, Peg Wilbur of Fort Wayne and Beverly Groves of Albion; and three grandchildren, Gregory, Jonathan and Matthew Growcock.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

## Allen Jacobs

CHURUBUSCO — Allen R. Jacobs, 65, of Churubusco and formerly of Fort Wayne died at 6:35 a.m. Sunday, April 23, 2006, at his home. He had been in declining health for more than a year.

Mr. Jacobs had lived in Churubusco the past 21 years. He had been employed for 17 years in production at Parker Hannifin in Fort Wayne until a disability necessitated his retirement in the early 1990s.

Mr. Jacobs

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Mr. Jacobs was born July 20, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Roy and Blanche (Copp) Jacobs. His father is deceased, and his mother survives in Fort Wayne.

He married Jula R. Hall on Dec. 18, 1965. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Steven A. Jacobs of Fort Wayne and Brian E. Jacobs of Columbia City; a daughter, Lisa Worman of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Kay Jacobs of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Diane Jacobs; and a brother, Steven Jacobs.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. George Cecil of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Esther Poyser

LAGRANGE — Esther Mae Poyser, 101, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Poyser was a homemaker and member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich.

She had moved back to this area in 1972 from Baldwin Park, Calif.

Mrs. Poyser was born Oct. 28, 1904, in Coopersville, Mich., to Edwin F. and Sara Amanda (Weyant) Terry. She married John E. Poyser on May 31, 1924, in Goshen. He died April 21, 1977.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Eleanor and Charles Rossman of LaGrange, Irene Grunke of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Marilyn Oaxaca of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son, Leland Poyser of Palisade, Colo.; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, Forrest, Fred and Frank Poyser; a sister; and two brothers.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Mark Weaver officiating.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Lourdeno Fernandes officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Pallbearers will be her grandsons Lynn, James, Barry, Troy, Kevin and Zack.

Memorials are to Wesley Healthcare in Auburn or to Masses at Immaculate Conception Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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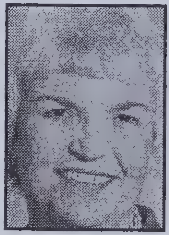
## Joan Hovarter

KENDALLVILLE — Joan R. Hovarter, 75, died on Friday, April 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mrs. Hovarter

Mrs. Hovarter was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville and prior to that had worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank.

She was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville, where she belonged to the Vesper Circle. She loved to travel and spend time with her family and friends, and she enjoyed sewing.

She was born April 3, 1931, in St. Joe to Floyd and Dollie Mae (Wagner) Barkey. She graduated from Salem Center High School. She married James E. Hovarter on July 14, 1951, at Helmer United Methodist Church. He survives in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hovarter is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Shelia Hovarter of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah and Dan Harper of Albion and Deb Clark of Avilla; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Mory McPheeters of Garrett; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Sandy Barkey of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Warren Barkey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County. Pallbearers will be Josh Hovarter, Jason Hovarter, Brandon Harper, Mike Weigold, Chris Rorick and Brian Brennan.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Edward Korros

SOUTH BEND — Edward C. Korros, 88, of South Bend died Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Healthwin Specialized Care in South Bend

Mr. Korros retired in December 1981 after 38 years of service at Fefferman Motor Sales in South Bend. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in LaPorte, the American Legion in Westville and the Moose Lodge in South Bend.

He was born Feb. 24, 1918, in LaPorte to Clement and Edna (Norton) Korros.

On March 20, 1942, he married Susan Atkinson, who preceded him in death on Oct. 28, 1986.

He then married Doris Herwehe on June 27, 1987. She preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Coder of Auburn and Becky and David Hoot of Stewartville, Minn.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim E. Korros and Jeff and Maureen Korros, all of South Bend; his grandchildren and their spouses, Tim and Cindy Hoot, Paul and Kandice Hoot, Andy and Amy Hoot, Matthew Korros and Stefanie Korros; five great-grandchildren, Makala, Josie, Elisha, Amelia and Ian; a stepson and his wife, Brian and Mimi Herwehe; two sisters, Katherine Ryden of LaPorte and Dorothy Kienitz of Michigan City; and a special friend, Ruby Bos of Westville.

A sister, Madeline Butler preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend, with the Rev. Donald Neely officiating.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.Kaniewski.com.

## James Ables

FORT WAYNE — James David Ables, 42, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, April 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 3, 1964, in Columbus, Ohio, to James Phillip and Barbara Lee Ables. They survive in Harlan.

Also surviving are his girlfriend of eight years, Maggie McKee, and her son, Matt, of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Theresa and Brad Muncy of Spencerville; three nephews; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Todd Weslee Ables.

Services will be Wednesday at noon in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

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## Naomi Zimmerman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Naomi Kay Zimmerman, 64, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Saturday, April 22, 2006, shortly after admittance to Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio, after being stricken by a sudden illness.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a graduate of Southeast High School in Ravenna, Ohio, and attended Eastern Nazarene College from 1960-1962. She then attended Kent State University and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education, specializing in home economics.

She began her teaching career in Garrettsville, Ohio, and then taught in the North Central School system in Pioneer, Ohio, as a third-grade teacher. She also taught at Pulaski, Washington and Lincoln elementary schools in the Bryan City School system. She was also a teacher's aide and worked in the printing room for the Bryan City Schools until her retirement in 1995. She enjoyed worshipping at the Victory Barn Church near Edgerton, Ohio, where she was a longtime member.

She was born in Ravenna, Ohio, on Jan. 2, 1942, the daughter of James Delson and Emma (Mackey) Wilhelm, and grew up on a small farm near Wayland, Ohio. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Jerry R. Zimmerman on June, 30, 1968, in Ravenna, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Janet Zimmerman of Butler; three grandchildren, Mike, Kristen and Katie Zimmerman; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Tom and Lynne Wilhelm of Appleton, Wis., and Tim Wilhelm of Diamond, Ohio; and sister and brother-in-law, Tina and Gary Lemley of Ravenna; three nieces and their husbands, Tami Lemley, Tawni and Robert Pophal and Kathy and Brian Coughlin; and a nephew and his wife, Lee and Lee Hoa Wilhelm.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Victory Barn Church near Edgerton, with Pastor Rosene Short officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Gideons King James Version Holy Bible Program.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

## Paula Sewell

HAMILTON — Paula D. Sewell, 21, of Hamilton died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 1, 1984, in Angola to Terri Sewell and Mark Penland. Her parents survive in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a brother, Bob Penland of Hamilton; her paternal grandparents, Delos and Dorothy Penland of Hamilton; an aunt, Brenda Krontz of Hamilton; and an uncle, Stephen Sewell of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Bill and Marion Sewell.

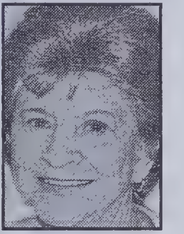
Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton Cemetery with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Memorials are to the family in care of Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory of Hamilton, which is in charge of funeral arrangements.

An online guest book may be signed an private condolences may be sent by visiting www.oberlin-ford.com.

## Leeta Phelan

ESTERO, Fla. — Leeta D. Phelan, 81, of Estero, Fla., died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at her home.


Mrs. Phelan

Mrs. Phelan was born Sept. 17, 1924, in Parmsleyville, Ky., to Lonie and Mack Koger. She was married for 40 years to R. Bruce Phelan, and he survives.

She shared with her husband several business enterprises in southwest Florida and Indiana. The Phelans were the former owners of Captain's Cabin, Hops-N-Schnapps and Bruce's Pest Control.

Her hobbies included golfing, dancing, gardening, decorating and cooking. She was an active member in the Ladies of the Elks.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Jia Miller of Estero; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Greg Munger of Angola and Vickie and Peter Samec of Wainfleet, Ontario, Canada; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Arnold, Clyde and Hershal Koger; and a grandson, Hugh Reamer.

In accordance with Mrs. Phelan's wishes, there will be no services.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice, Joanne's House, 27200 Imperial Street, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

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## Paul Sherman

FORT WAYNE — Paul L. Sherman, 55, of Fort Wayne died at 11:56 a.m. Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital where he had been a patient since collapsing at his home on Saturday.

Mr. Sherman

Mr. Sherman had been employed for 28 years at Frontier Contractors Inc. in Fort Wayne where he had served as maintenance superintendent until ill health forced him to retire in 2005.

He has spent his formative years on the family farm in Noble Township in Noble County and graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

Mr. Sherman was a longtime auto racing enthusiast. He had enjoyed stock car racing and doing mechanical work on racing equipment. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting for mushrooms.

He was born Feb. 6, 1951, in Allen County to the late Virgil C. and Edna Mae (Butler) Sherman. He married Gayle Helton on Aug. 16, 1974, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kimberly Sherman of Fort Wayne; a son, Israel Sherman of Fort Wayne; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Norman Sherman of Churubusco, Michael and Karen Sherman of Urbana, Ohio, Philip and Grace Sherman of Cromwell, Willard and Salley Sherman of Albion and Richard and Alica Sherman of Columbia City; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Barbara and Jim Campbell of Big Lake, Nancy Sherman of Merriam, and Kathy McClellan and Jennifer and Mike Patterson, all of Albion; and three grandchildren, Dallas, Madison and Kaylie.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Janice Mann in 1995; and three brothers, Kerry Sherman in 1996, Clyde Sherman in 1997, and Lester Sherman in 2001.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churbusco with the Rev. Elizabeth Owens of Light of Christ Ministries officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Paul Cloves

BUTLER TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Paul William Cloves, 33, of Butler Township, Mich., died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Cloves was born Sept. 21, 1972, in London, England. He married Michelle Schmidt on Sept. 19, 1998, and she survives.

He graduated from Coldwater High School in Coldwater, Mich. He was employed as a corrections officer at Lakeland Correctional Facility in Coldwater and belonged to Faith Baptist Church in Angola, where he was active in the choir and other church organizations.

He was a member of the American Dairy Goat Association and enjoyed farm work and making goat milk soap. He also liked working with computers.

Also surviving are two sons, Jonathan Schmidt and Seth Cloves, both at home; his mother, Sheila Cloves of Coldwater; his father, William Jamieson of England; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Lois Joyce of Coldwater; his grandmother, Gladys "Peggy" Paradine of Coldwater; an aunt, Jean Krutsch of Quincy, Mich.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Pat Schmidt of Coldwater; a sister-in-law, Lori Quimby of Bronson, Mich.; and cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Faith Baptist Church, with the Rev. J. Arnold Fair officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church.

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## Judy Doba

PULLMAN, Wash. — Judy Doba, 65, of Pullman, Wash., died Friday, April 21, 2006, after a four-year battle with ovarian cancer.

Mrs. Doba grew up in South Bend. She met her future husband, Bill Doba, when they were both freshmen at Ball State University in Muncie. They married the day before their college graduation in 1962. Bill Doba survives.

The Dobas lived in Angola in the 1960s. Bill Doba was a football coach there from 1965-66 and was also an assistant basketball coach and math teacher.

The Dobas moved to Pullman 17 years ago when Bill joined the Washington State University football program. Mrs. Doba was very supportive of WSU athletics and was involved throughout the community. She worked with the United Way in Pullman for six years and served as vice president of the organization for two of them. She was president of the auxiliary board at Pullman Regional Hospital and was a member of Kiwanis. She regularly scheduled time to read to local elementary school students.

Also surviving are a son, Scott; two daughters, Kristen and Beth; and six grandchildren.

Memorials are to the Pullman Regional Auxiliary‘s Patient Comfort Unit, United Way of Pullman, or St. Thomas More Chapel and Catholic Newman Center in Pullman.

A private, family-only service will be held in Indiana.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct information from the funeral home.*

## Esther Poyser

LAGRANGE — Esther May Poyser, 101, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Poyser was a homemaker and member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich.

She had moved back to this area in 1972 from Baldwin Park, Calif.

Mrs. Poyser was born Oct. 28, 1904, in Coopersville, Mich., to Edwin F. and Sara Amanda (Weyant) Terry. She married John E. Poyser on May 31, 1924, in Goshen. He died April 21, 1977.

Surviving are three daughters Mrs. Charles (Eleanor) Rossman of LaGrange, Irene Grunke of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Marilyn Oaxaca of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son, Leland Poyser of Palisade, Colo.; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, Forrest, Fred and Frank Poyser; a sister; and two brothers.

Graveside services were today at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Mark Weaver officiating.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 26, 2006, Wednesday

## Wanda Johnson

FLOWER MOUND, Texas — Wanda Unger Johnson, 89, of Flower Mound, Texas, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, in Flower Mound.

Mrs. Johnson was born Oct. 16, 1916, in Cutler to Lloyd and Hanna (Brookie) Unger. She married Everett A. Johnson on May 4, 1940, and he preceded her in death in 1995.

She graduated from Ball State University and was a teacher in Cutler until she married.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, where a window was dedicated in honor of her and her husband by their children. She was a member of the church's Suzanne Wesley Circle.

She had been a member of the Kokomo United Methodist Church, where she was also a circle member and a member of the Child Study Group. She was a lifelong member of the American Association of University Women.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carole Hudlow of Sebastopol, Calif., Joyce and Jon Johnson of Clive, Iowa, and Susan and Brent Hubele of Flower Mound; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Christine Johnson of Carrollton, Texas; three sisters, Gay Poppe of Albuquerque, N.M., Hilma Stickler of Vass, N.C., and Joyce Kellam of Carmel; 10 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Gwen Flora.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on July 2 at the Angola United Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Geetingsville.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church for youth education programs.

## Yvonne Davis

LAS VEGAS — Yvonne M. Davis, 88, of Las Vegas and formerly of Albion died at 8:05 a.m. Monday, April 24, 2006, at Sun Rise Hospital in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and had worked at the Publix Cafe in Kendallville.

She had spent her childhood in Kendallville, then moved to Akron, Ohio, where she graduated from high school.

Mrs. Davis lived in this area from 1946 until moving to Las Vegas in 2001 to be near her son. She was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City.

She enjoyed watching the musical group Sunspots in Las Vegas. She also enjoyed watching old Western movies and TV shows on the TV Land network and following politics.

Mrs. Davis was born July 28, 1917, in Le High, Ill., to Morris Daniel and Mary Anna (St. John) Kane. They are deceased. She married Lawrence Davis on Nov. 3, 1937, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. He died Dec. 24, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Dianna Davis of Las Vegas; two other daughters-in-law, Linda and Jean; five grandchildren, Teneen Dobbs, Tyler Davis, Brad Davis, Ryan Davis and Kara Baumann; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tia Davis in September 2000; two brothers, Donn Kane and Vernon "Buster" Kane; and three sisters, Beryl Reade, Bernice Be Vier and Jean Michaelson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Gasper Catholic Church in Rome City. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Albion American Legion Post, Masses to St. Gasper Catholic Church or the Noble County Community Foundation Democratic Scholarship Fund.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 26, 2006, Wednesday

## Montey Schrock

HOWE — Montey C. Schrock, 72, of Howe died at 12:29 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

**Mrs. Schrock**

Mrs. Schrock was a homemaker and had retired from Coachmen where she was a foreman.

She was a lifetime area resident.

Mrs. Schrock was a member of Emma Mennonite Church. She was also a member of the Home-Ec Club, Garden Club and T.O.P.S. Club.

She was born Feb. 27, 1934, in White Pigeon, Mich., to the late Forrest O. and Mildred (Sigler) Bowman. She married Rollin Schrock on Dec. 11, 1954, in Emma. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and John McClure of Elkhart; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James L. Schrock of Wolcottville and Scott and Jill Schrock of LaGrange; two sisters, Norma Dulaney of Goshen and Donna Mae Mast of Shipshewana; a daughter-in-law, Julee Schrock of Wolcottville; and seven grandchildren, Julie McClure and Kaitlin McClure, both of Elkhart, Jessica Schrock and Matthew Schrock, both of Nashville, Tenn., Lindsey Schrock of Wolcottville, and Brandy Schrock and Ashtin Kaminer, both of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Schrock, on Feb. 22, 2002.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

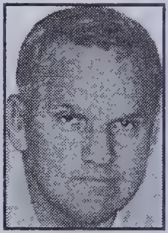
Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Emma Mennonite Church, the American Heart Association, American Lung Association, LaGrange County Cancer Society and Gift of Life Transplant House in Rochester, Minn.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Richard Payton

AUBURN — Richard E. "Bub" Payton, 70, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at his home.


**Mr. Payton**

Mr. Payton owned and operated Bub's Antique Shop in Auburn. He also worked at Wal-Mart in Auburn, retiring in 2000.

He attended the United Brethren in Christ Church in Corunna and was a longtime volunteer for the Corunna Fire Department.

He was born Oct. 26, 1935, in Mitchell to William Claude and Florence (Terry) Payton. They preceded him in death.

He married Evelyn R. Baird on Dec. 23, 1955, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rickey and Cecile Payton of Auburn, Ronald and Tina Payton of Waterloo and Lowell Payton of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Gary Dilley of Huntington and Laura and Michael Rist of South Lyon, Mich.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph and Janice Payton of Corunna, Dink and Phyllis Payton of Auburn and Delbert and Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo; two sisters, Virginia Buttermore and Betty Hissong, both of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul, Arthur, Sam and Robert Payton.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p,.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the United Brethren in Christ Church at Corunna.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 26, 2006, Wednesday

## Junior Sherck

AUBURN — Junior J. Sherck, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Sherck worked in sales until 1944, when he went to work at the Middlebury Cold Storage Plant. In 1950, he and his wife, Iva, purchased the Shipshewana Locker Plant, which they operated until 1962. He then opened the Sherck Insurance Agency in Middlebury, which he operated until his retirement in 1972.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Middlebury Church of the Brethren until moving to Auburn, when he became a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

He was born Nov. 28, 1919, in Middlebury to Jasper and Clara (Weaver) Sherck. They preceded him in death.

He married Iva M. Bowman on May 18, 1941, in Middlebury, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Carolyn Sherck of Surprise, Ariz., and Dennis and Sue Sherck of Connersville; a daughter and son-in-law, Dianna “Dee” and Larry Martin of Leo; a brother, Arthur Sherck of Goshen; and a sister, Viola (Stark) Chrispyn of Goshen; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Noble, Truman, Harvey, Melvin and Willis Sherck; and three sisters, Lucille (West) Ruple, Mary Mishler and Florence Sherck.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, 2939 C.R. 15, Auburn, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating.

Graveside services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or Heifer Project International.

The Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

## Edna DeBrular

KIMMELL — Interment services for Edna Mae (Beers) DeBrular, 91, of Burke, Va., will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with Pastor Don Poyser officiating.

Mrs. DeBrular died Jan. 3 in Arlington, Va.

She was a native of Noble County and was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Washington Township to the late Orvas Edward and Margery Mae (Adair) Beers.

Surviving are two daughters; a son; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, James E. DeBrular, and four brothers, Vance, Joseph, Dale and Orvas Beers.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 26, 2006, Wednesday

## Paul L. Sherman, 55

FORT WAYNE – Paul L. Sherman, 55, a resident of Fort Wayne, died at 11:56 a.m. Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since Saturday after collapsing unexpectedly at the family residence.

Mr. Sherman was born on February 6, 1951 in Allen County, a son of Virgil C. and Edna Mae (Butler) Sherman, and moved to the Merriam-area as an infant with his parents. He spent his formative years on the family farm in Noble Township and graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On August 16, 1974, he was married in Fort Wayne to Gayle Helton. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Fort Wayne and lived in Clay County for a period before returning to Fort Wayne in 1995. He had been employed for 28 years at Frontier Contractors, Inc. in Fort Wayne and had worked as their maintenance superintendent until ill health forced him to retire in 2005.

A lifelong car racing enthusiast, he had enjoyed stock car racing and had done racing mechanical work all of his adult life. In his leisure time, he also enjoyed fishing and mushroom hunting.

The surviving relatives include his wife Gayle; a daughter Kimberly Sherman of Fort Wayne; a son Israel Sherman of Fort Wayne; his brothers, Norman Sherman of Churubusco, Michael (Karen) Sherman of Urbana, Oh.; Philip (Grace) Sherman of Cromwell, Willard (Salley) Sherman of Albion, and Richard (Alica) Sherman of Columbia City; his sisters, Barbara (Jim) Campbell of Big Lake, Nancy Sherman of Merriam, and Kathy McClellan and Jennifer (Mike) Patterson, both of Albion; and three grandchildren, Dallas, Madison and Kaylie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Janice Mann in 1995; and by three brothers, Kerry Sherman in 1996, Clyde Sherman in 1997 and Lester E. Sherman in 2001.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Elizabeth Owens, pastor of Light of Christ Ministries, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m., or one hour prior to the services.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the family.

## Larry L. "Pete" Growcock, 63

ALBION – Longtime Albion businessman Larry L. "Pete" Growcock, 63, of rural Albion died at 10:05 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Growcock had operated Pete's Barber Shop in Albion for more than 30 years and had been a barber for more than 40 years.

He was a lifetime area resident and 1959 graduate of Wawaka High School.

Mr. Growcock enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge.

He was born Dec. 19, 1942, in Rome City to Frank and Nina (Weaver) Growcock. They are deceased. He married Linda Weimer on Jan. 19, 1963, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Growcock of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Darcie and Greg Marvin of White Water, Wis.; two brothers, Bob Growcock and Jim Growcock, both of Wolcottville; four sisters, Mary Jo Gard of Fremont, Nancy Fulford of Wawaka, Peg Wilbur of Fort Wayne and Beverly Groves of Albion; and three grandchildren, Gregory, Jonathan and Matthew Growcock.

Services were held Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 27, 2006, Thursday

## Barbara Weber

ALBION — Barbara Jean Weber, 78, of Albion died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Weber had lived in rural Albion most of her life and at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla since January 2004.

She had been a Noble County probation officer for 19 years and had served as an investigator for the Noble County Prosecutor's Office for 13 years.

Mrs. Weber had also served as manager of Congressman J. Edward Roush's Kendallville office for four years.

She was a 1945 graduate of New Haven High School and 1946 graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Noble County Democrat Women's Club, Noble County Historical Society, Noble County Genealogical Society, American Legion Post 246 Auxiliary and a lifetime member of the Indiana Correctional Association.

Mrs. Weber had served 16 years as Noble County Democratic Party vice chairman, 10 years as 4th District Democratic Party vice chairman and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1980.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, stamp collecting, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Weber was born Dec. 21, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Virgil and Killian (Kayser) Asher. They are deceased. She married Calvin Weber on Aug. 23, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 16, 1978.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Lynda Weber of Albion and Les and Emily Weber of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth "Lib" and Brent McDowell of Avilla; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jamie and Barry Mooney, Ryan and Kara Weber, Christopher and Mary Weber, Robert and Jennifer Weber, Jolene and Zechariah Lock and Alissa and Cory Schoon; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Virgil Asher, and a sister, Lucy Carder.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam with the Rev. Terry Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell & Son Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorial are to the American Diabetes Association.

## Wayne Presdorf

STURGIS, Mich. — Wayne L. Presdorf, 58, of Sturgis died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Presdorf had lived in the LaGrange and Sturgis area all of his life.

He had retired from Skyline Corp. in Bristol after 30 years of service.

Mr. Presdorf was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

He was born Aug. 29, 1947, in Berne to Robert D. and Deloris I. (Beer) Presdorf. His father survives in LaGrange, and his mother died Oct. 24, 1979.

He married Patricia J. Spence in Howe. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christine Presdorf of Lansing, Mich.; a son, Brian Presdorf of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Rita Presdorf of Saline, Mich., and Tom and Karen Presdorf of Beaver Creek, Ohio; and a sister, Carol Presdorf of Hobart.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. James Simpson officiating. Burial will be Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 27, 2006, Thursday

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She was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Schrock, on Feb. 22, 2002.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Emma Mennonite Church, the American Heart Association, American Lung Association, LaGrange County Cancer Society and Gift of Life Transplant House in Rochester, Minn.

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## H. Pauline Hand

ANGOLA — H. Pauline Hand, 90, of Angola died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where she had been a resident since October 2005.

Mrs. Hand was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Steuben County Senior Citizens and the Williams County, Ohio, Historical Society. She was a descendent of one of Williams County's pioneer families and attended the Florence Township and Edon, Ohio, schools.

She was born Oct. 1, 1915, near Edon to Fred B. and Hazel (Allomong) Ingram. She married Kenneth E. Hand at the Methodist parsonage in Auburn on Feb. 8, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 10, 1980.

Surviving are three cousins, Carol Disbro and Marilyn Toner, both of Edon, and Phyllis Headley of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jay W. Ingram.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, at the Krill Funeral Home in Edon with the Rev. Laurence Smith of the Angola United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Burial will be in the Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April 27, 2006, Thursday

## Paul Sherman

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Mr. Growcock enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge. He was born Dec. 19, 1942, in Rome City to Frank and Nina (Weaver) Growcock. They are deceased. He married Linda Weimer on Jan. 19, 1963, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Growcock of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Darcie and Greg Marvin of White Water, Wis.; two brothers, Bob Growcock and Jim Growcock, both of Wolcottville; four sisters, Mary Jo Gard of Fremont, Nancy Fulford of Wawaka, Peg Wilbur of Fort Wayne and Beverly Groves of Albion; and three grandchildren, Gregory, Jonathan and Matthew Growcock.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion officiating.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

## Edna DeBrular services are Saturday

KIMMELL — Interment services for Edna Mae (Beers) DeBrular, 91, of Burke, Va., will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with Pastor Don Poyser officiating.

Mrs. DeBrular died Jan. 3 in Arlington, Va.

She was a native of Noble County and was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Washington Township to the late Orvas Edward and Margery Mae (Adair) Beers.

Surviving are two daughters; a son; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, James E. DeBrular, and four brothers, Vance, Joseph, Dale and Orvas Beers.

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## Marvin Rowe

PLEASANT LAKE — Marvin Lee Rowe, 93, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Rowe

Mr. Rowe was born Sept. 8, 1912 in Farmland, Randolph County to Oscar and Gertrude (Keys) Rowe. He was married to Alberta Wise on Nov. 8, 1941, and she survives.

He had worked at Chrysler in New Castle, and was the owner of the Lakeview Motel in Pleasant Lake, which he built and then operated for over 50 years. He had also worked at Lockhead Aircraft in Burbank, Calif. during World War II.

He was a pitcher for the Farmland High School and Chrysler baseball teams.

He enjoyed hunting, pitching in baseball games and playing horseshoes.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Joe Gheraldi of Staten Island, N.Y., Marilyn and Gary Bumgardner of Big Stone Gap, Va. and Sandra and Dave Brockett of Ligonier; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Anita Rowe; a sons, Stephen Rowe; two brothers, Robert and Leroy Rowe; and a sister, Margaret Bookout.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, where graveside services will be conducted Monday at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Pleasant Lake Lions Club or the Steuben Township Fire Department.

## Gracie Brown

FORT WAYNE — Gracie Brown, 67, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband of 40 years, James Brown of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Gina Burns of Auburn; three grandchildren; a sister, Ada Deaton of Fort Wayne; and brothers Jessie, Dellas, Arcanas and Green Burns, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, 5872 C.R. 427, Auburn, with the Rev. William Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and from 1-2 p.m. Monday at Calvary Chapel.

Memorials are to Calvary Chapel or the American Heart Association.

## Marvin Keuneke

WATERLOO — Marvin F. Keuneke, 79, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Keuneke was a mechanic at the Fort Wayne Post Office, retiring in 1986 after 20 years of service.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. He enjoyed spending time with his family, farming, woodworking and traveling.

He attended Wren High School in Wren, Ohio, and previously lived in Poplar Bluff, Mo., for 20 years.

He was born April 25, 1927, in Adams County to Albert and Martha (Kiess) Keuneke. They preceded him in death.

He married Eva L. Miller on Nov. 9, 1946, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Stephen and Michele Keuneke of Butler, Thomas and Nancy Keuneke of Hamilton, James Keuneke of Butler and Mark and Staci Keuneke of Springfield, Mo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Duane Baughman of Auburn and Sharon and Barry Manahan of Hamilton; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Arnold Keuneke of South Whitley, Erwin Keuneke of Rockford, Ohio, and Hubert and Iona Keuneke of Ohio City, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Riley Hospital for Children.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

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## H. Pauline Hand

ANGOLA — H. Pauline Hand, 90, of Angola died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where she had been a resident since October 2005.

Mrs. Hand was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Steuben County Senior Citizens and the Williams County, Ohio Historical Society. She was a descendent of one of Williams County's pioneer families and attended the Florence Township and Edon, Ohio schools.

She was born Oct. 1, 1915, near Edon to Fred B. and Hazel (Allomong) Ingram. She married Kenneth E. Hand at the Methodist parsonage in Auburn on Feb. 8, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 10, 1980.

Surviving are three cousins, Carol Disbro and Marilyn Toner, both of Edon, and Phyllis Headley of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jay W. Ingram.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, at the Krill Funeral Home in Edon with the Rev. Laurence Smith of the Angola United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Burial will be in the Edon Cemetery, with committal services officiated by the Rev. Alvin Covell.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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## Yvonne Davis

LAS VEGAS — Yvonne M. Davis, 88, of Las Vegas and formerly of Albion died at 8:05 a.m. Monday, April 24, 2006, at Sun Rise Hospital in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and had worked at the Publix Cafe in Kendallville.

She had spent her childhood in Kendallville, then moved to Akron, Ohio, where she graduated from high school.

Mrs. Davis lived in this area from 1946 until moving to Las Vegas in 2001 to be near her son. She was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City.

She enjoyed watching the musical group Sunspots in Las Vegas. She also enjoyed watching old Western movies and TV shows on the TV Land network and following politics.

Mrs. Davis was born July 28, 1917, in Le High, Ill., to Morris Daniel and Mary Anna (St. John) Kane. They are deceased. She married Lawrence Davis on Nov. 3, 1937, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. He died Dec. 24, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Dianna Davis of Las Vegas; two other daughters-in-law, Linda and Jean; five grandchildren, Teneen Dobbs, Tyler Davis, Brad Davis, Ryan Davis and Kara Baumann; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Richard Davis in May 1993 and Gary Davis in February 1999; a granddaughter, Tia Davis in September 2000; two brothers, Donn Kane and Vernon "Buster" Kane; and three sisters, Beryl Reade, Bernice Be Vier and Jean Michaelson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Gasper Catholic Church in Rome City. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. A rosary will be recited at 7 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Albion American Legion Post, Masses to St. Gasper Catholic Church or the Noble County Community Foundation Democratic Scholarship Fund.

## Robert Miller

QUINCY, Mich. — Robert N. Miller, 89, of Quincy, Mich. and formerly of Montgomery, Mich. died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at home.

Mr. Miller was born June 13, 1916.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

## E. Ann Browand

KENDALLVILLE — E. Ann Browand, 78, of Kendallville died today, Friday, April 28, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) in Kendallville.

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## Vance Diggins

EMPIRE, Mich. — Vance William Diggins, 84, of Empire and formerly of East Lansing died Monday, April 24, 2006, at Munson Medical Center.

He had retired in 1979 from Home Mutual Insurance Co. as Michigan claims manager.

Mr. Diggins graduated in 1947 from Indiana University with a degree in business.

He was born May 6, 1921, in Wolcottville to Harold and Ruth (Needham) Diggins. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II with the 76th Infantry Division in Europe where he participated in the Battle of the Bulge and in liberating a concentration camp.

Mr. Diggins was past president of the Lansing Area Insurance Adjusters Association and was respected for his expertise in arson investigations.

He had been a member of the IU Rifle Team and continued to support the IU ROTC group.

Mr. Diggins had a great love for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking.

He married Alice G. Coppens on Nov. 9, 1946, in Detroit. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sally Shepard and Martha Gerlach, both of Albuquerque, N.M., and Nancy and Robert Gleffe of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Karen Diggins of Far Hills, N.J.; and a sister, Joyce Diggins of Kendallville.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Empire. Burial will be in St. Philip Neri Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the Glen Lake Area Fire Department or St. Philip Neri Catholic Church.

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City is in charge of arrangements.

## Virginia Pelfrey

SHIPSHEWANA — Virginia E. Pelfrey, 66, of Shipshewana died at 3:52 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Pelfrey

Mrs. Pelfrey had lived in the area since 1952.

She had served 19 years as a cook at Honeyville School.

Mrs. Pelfrey was a member of Berea Missionary Church in Shipshewana where she taught Sunday school and was a janitor.

She was born June 16, 1939, in Garrettsville, Ohio, to the late Dan and Malinda (Hostetler) Miller.

Surviving are two daughters, Cheryl Pelfrey of LaGrange and Norma Pelfrey of South Bend; a son, Forrest Pelfrey of Shipshewana; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Orva Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Dan Burkey and the Rev. Dan Brenneman officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Corner Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

## Jeanne Gavalier

KENDALLVILLE — Jeanne L. Gavalier, 85, of Kendallville died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at her home.

Born in McKeesport, Pa., she was a registered nurse for 26 years, retiring in 1968 also previously employed with Lutheran Hospital on a part-time basis.

She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church and volunteered at the Fort Wayne VA Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancyrae and Moses Hazo of Wilton, Conn., and Jeannine L. and Bill Hart of Kendallville; a son, William A. Gavalier Jr. of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, on Aug. 1, 1981.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Betty Frolick officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

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## Catherine Andree

FORT WAYNE — Catherine (Sherbondy) Andree, 96, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Saint Anne Home.

She had volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mrs. Andree was a life master and certified Goren bridge instructor and had taught many classes.

She will be remembered for dedication to praying the rosary.

Mrs. Andree was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, St. Gasper Catholic Church in Rome City and St. Francis Xavier in Fort Meyers, Fla.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Harriett Sherbondy and Tom and Anne Sherbondy; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and David Norton and Pat and Dan O'Shaughnessey; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 60 years, Harold, in 1983; and her second husband of 11 years, Sam Andree, in 2001.

A memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Saint Anne's Chapel.

Another memorial Mass will be later this summer at St. Gasper's Catholic Church in Rome City. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials are to Neurofibromatosis Indiana, P.O. Box 221, Linden, IN 47955 or St. Gasper Catholic Church, 10871 North, S.R. 9, Rome City, IN 46784.

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## Wayne Presdorf

STURGIS, Mich. — Wayne L. Presdorf, 58, of Sturgis died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Presdorf had lived in the LaGrange and Sturgis area all of his life.

He had retired from Skyline Corp. in Bristol after 30 years of service.

Mr. Presdorf was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

He was born Aug. 29, 1947, in Berne to Robert D. and Deloris I. (Beer) Presdorf. His father, Robert, and his stepmother, Lois, survive in LaGrange.

His mother, Deloris, died Oct. 24, 1979.

He married Patricia J. Spence in Howe on Oct. 10, 1981. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christine Presdorf of Lansing, Mich.; a son, Brian Presdorf of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Rita Presdorf of Saline, Mich., and Tom and Karen Presdorf of Beaver Creek, Ohio; and a sister, Carol Presdorf of Hobart.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. James Simpson officiating.

Burial will be Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.

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## Edna DeBrular

KIMMELL — Interment services for Edna Mae (Beers) DeBrular, 91, of Burke, Va., will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with Pastor Don Poyser officiating.

Mrs. DeBrular died Jan. 3 in Arlington, Va.

She was a native of Noble County and was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Washington Township to the late Orvas Edward and Margery Mae (Adair) Beers.

Surviving are two daughters; a son; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, James E. DeBrular, and four brothers, Vance, Joseph, Dale and Orvas Beers.

## Dolores Mahoney

LAGRANGE — Dolores I. Mahoney, 86, of LaGrange died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mrs. Mahoney had moved to LaGrange in 2001 from Riverside, Calif.

She had been a retail sales clerk.

She was born Jan. 29, 1920, in Mauston, Wis., to William and Ella Mae (Babcock) DeHane. She married Joseph L. Mahoney in June 1953 in Vallejo, Calif. He died in 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty M. Peranteau of LaGrange; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. May 12 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress, Calif.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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## Martha Fisher

AUBURN — Martha M. Fisher, 87, of Auburn died Thursday, April 27, 2006.

Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker and a co-owner of the Dale Fisher Garment Co.

She attended Zion Lutheran Church in Edgerton, Ohio. She had been a member of the Forest Chapter 44 Eastern Star Lodge in Butler since May 14, 1946.

**Mrs. Fisher**

She was born July 16, 1918, in Banmock, Ohio, to James L. and Carrie (Baker) Moreland. They preceded her in death.

On May 18, 1941, she married W. Dale Fisher. He died March 22, 1996.

Surviving are three sons and their wives, Ronald and Karen Fisher of Fallston, Md., Roger and Janet Fisher of Leesburg, and Richard and Roxanne Fisher of Bryan, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Dorothy Moreland of Sanborn, N.Y.; six grandchildren, Carolyn Riess and her husband, Christian, R.J. Fisher, Michelle Carter and her husband, Alexander, Chad Fisher, Ryan Fisher and his wife, Brooke, and Randy Fisher; and five great-grandchildren Alivia, Treva and Max Riess and Chase and Peyton Fisher.

She also was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Chris Sigmon will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are Zion Lutheran Church of Edgerton, Ohio, or the American Lung Association, 802 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne IN 46802.

## Elton Fluke Sr.

WATERLOO — Elton Nixon Fluke Sr., 78, died Friday, April 28, 2006, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Fluke worked as a set-up man for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 49 1/2 years, retiring in 1993. He served as a private in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He attended the First Assembly of God in Waterloo.

He was born Sept. 7, 1927, in Garrett to George Clatyon and Gratia Irene (Walter) Fluke. They preceded him in death.

He married Vivian "Jane" Rupert on March 1, 1952, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Elton Fluke Jr. of Bronson, Mich., and Phillip Fluke of Butler; a brother, Phillip Fluke of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Sarah Betts of Big Long Lake at Stroh; six grandchildren, Adam Fluke, Amanda Fluke, Amy Robinson, Nathaniel Fluke, Thomas Weicht Jr. and Leslie Cambell; and 11 great-grandchildren, Kyle Doub, Danin Fluke, Clayton Fluke, Samantha Freed, Bailey Fluke, Carson, Bryce Weicht, Hayden Cambell, Austin Robinson, Luke Robinson and Justin Dawson.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Best and Doris Sommers.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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## Charles Stark

ANGOLA — Charles L. "Poppy" Stark, 74, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab Center in Angola.

Mr. Stark was self-employed in the wholesale/retail fruit and vegetable business. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He was born July 12, 1931, in New Brunswick, N.J., to Lawrence and Elizabeth (Wiper) Stark. He married Shirley (Steiner) Stark. She preceded him in death on May 14, 1999.

Mr. Stark is survived by a son, Charles L. Stark Jr. of South River, N.J.; a daughter, Cheryl Lynn Lattie of New Jersey; three sisters, Evlyn Kelch of South River, Hazel Floreck of East Brunswick, N.J., and Anna Mariano of New Brunswick, N.J.; a companion, Janice King, and her daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Petery Murray, all of Angola; four grandchildren; and a stepgrandchild, Petey Murray of Angola.

There will be no services or calling.

H.E. Johnson & Sons, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

## Janice Hantz

COLDWATER, Mich. — Janice E. Hantz, 64, of Coldwater and Huntertown died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hantz

Mrs. Hantz was part owner and corporate secretary of Precision Welding Corp. in Huntertown. She lived most of her life in Indiana and attended Indiana Academy in Cicero and International Business College in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Country Friends Home Ec Club in LaOtto.

She was born Nov. 28, 1941, in Hemlock, W.Va., to Edd and Alma Pearle (Stalnaker) Vanpelt. She married Orville "Gene" Hantz on Dec. 9, 1962, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Mrs. Hantz is also survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Tim Tassler of Fort Wayne, Debbie and Kelly Kovets of LaOtto and Kelly and Scotty Ferguson of Bristol; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Shelley Hantz of Carmel and Russ and Renee Hantz of McCordsville; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Clebert Vanpelt.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Pastor Gary Reiber will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

## Robert Miller

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Robert Norman Miller, 89, of California Township, Montgomery, Mich., died Thursday, April 27, 2006, in Quincy, Mich.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a lifetime farmer who enjoyed milking cows, hunting, fishing, chewing Red Man tobacco and going out for breakfast. He attended grade school in Dorrance, Mich., and Ray. He graduated from Montgomery High School in 1935.

He was born June 13, 1916, in Dorrance Corners, Coldwater, Mich., to Charles H. and Mamie T. (Streicher) Miller. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Miller is survived by a sister, Isabel Perry of Reading, Mich.; a nephew, Charles Miller and his wife, Judy, of Montgomery; three nieces, Norma Wirtz of Reading, Carolyn McClure of London Mills, Ill., and Patricia Palmerton of Fremont; many other great-nieces and great-nephews; and a caregiver, Elsie Wright of Quincy, Mich.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Harry Miller, Edwin Miller and Charles Miller; a sister, Marguerite Radtke; and a lifetime companion, Esther Lawrence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. The Rev. Earl Armstrong will officiate. Burial will be in California Cemetery in Montgomery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to California United Presbyterian Church or Community Health Center of Branch County Hospice Services in Coldwater.

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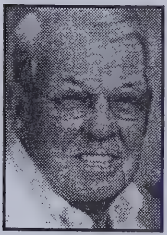
## Donald Claxton

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald J. Claxton, 72, of Tri-Lakes, Columbia City, died at 2:15 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, at his home following a brief illness.


**Mr. Claxton**

Before retirement in 1994, Mr. Claxton worked in machine repair at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 42 years. He was a lifetime area resident and a member of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, north of Columbia City; Churubusco F.&A.M. Masonic Lodge 515, where he served as past master; Tri-Lakes Lions Club, where he was past president and a recipient of the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship award; and the Boots & Bonnets Square Dance Club. He enjoyed ballroom dancing and had been a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America.

He was born April 19, 1934, in Green Township, Noble County, to James and Lura (Diffendarfer) Claxton. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1952. He married Delores Jean Long on July 30, 1954, in Green Center. She survives.

Mr. Claxton is also survived by two daughters, Donita Michael and Delania Gray of Churubusco; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Darin Claxton and Douglas and Connie Claxton, all of Churubusco, and Dana and Deb Claxton of Columbia City; three brothers and sisters-in-law, William H. and Shirley Claxton of Churubusco, Paul L. and Arlene Claxton of Portland, Ore., and Ray A. and Sue Claxton of Huntertown; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty and Jack Hill of LaOtto and Mary Lou and Robert Grawcock and Ann Shearer, all of Columbia City; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, DeLynn J. Claxton on Oct. 11, 1993; a son-in-law, Joe Michael; and a brother-in-law, Robert Shearer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Pastor Michael Dillon will officiate. Burial will be private at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Parkview Home Health & Hospice and St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

## Bertha Hoops

AUBURN — Bertha L. Hoops, 81, of Auburn died at 12:55 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Hoops was a homemaker. She lived in the area for 10 years since moving from Kansas.

She was born July 23, 1924, in Cheopta, Kan., to William and Ethel (Stradling) Stillwell. She married Paul Hoops. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1980.

Mrs. Hoops is survived by two sons, Bill Hoops of Watsontown, Pa., and Del Hoops of Savannah, Tenn.; two daughters, Velda Booth of Auburn and Ethel Hoops of Savannah, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

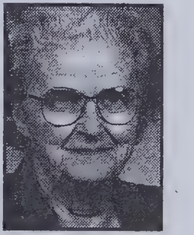
Services will be at 9 a.m. Monday at Lake Creek Cemetery in Cheopta.

Young Family Funeral Home (formerly Berhalter-Hutchins) is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Joan McBrier

GOSHEN — Joan F. McBrier, 83, of Goshen died at 8:40 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital.


**Mrs. McBrier**

Mrs. McBrier was a homemaker and the office manager at Crown and Holiday Rambler. She was a member of Wakarusa Missionary Church and a graduate of Wakarusa High School.

She was born Feb. 16, 1923, in Elkhart County to Joseph J. and Lucile (Hess) Rohrer. She married the Rev. Robert F. McBrier on June 18, 1943. He preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 1982.

Mrs. McBrier is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Richard Witmer of Kazanlak Municipality, Bulgaria, and Karen and Steve Stickel of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Doris McBrier of Auburn; a sister, Patricia Hooley of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, J.R. and Marilyn Rohrer of Goshen; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Frantz; a daughter, Nancy McBrier; and a granddaughter, Sheena McBrier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Wakarusa Missionary Church. Pastor Jim Hossler will officiate. Burial will be in Yellow Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home in Wakarusa and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Wakarusa Missionary Church for missions.

Condolences may be left at www.rrefh.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being repeated to include additional survivors.*

## Barbara Weber

ALBION — Barbara Jean Weber, 78, of Albion died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

**Mrs. Weber**

Mrs. Weber had lived in rural Albion most of her life and at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla since January 2004.

She had been a Noble County probation officer for 19 years and had served as an investigator for the Noble County Prosecutor's Office for 13 years.

Mrs. Weber had also served as manager of Congressman J. Edward Roush's Kendallville office for four years.

She was a 1945 graduate of New Haven High School and 1946 graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Noble County Democrat Women's Club, Noble County Historical Society, Noble County Genealogical Society, American Legion Post 246 Auxiliary and a lifetime member of the Indiana Correctional Association.

Mrs. Weber had served 16 years as Noble County Democratic Party vice chairman, 10 years as 4th District Democratic Party vice chairman and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1980.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, stamp collecting, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Weber was born Dec. 21, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Virgil and Killian (Kayser) Asher. They are deceased. She married Calvin Weber on Aug. 23, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 16, 1978.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Lynda Weber of Albion and Les and Emily Weber of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth "Lib" and Brent McDowell of Avilla; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jamie and Barry Mooney, Ryan and Kara Weber, Christopher and Mary Weber, Robert and Jennifer Weber, Jolene and Zechariah Lock, Alissa and Cory Schoon and Derek McDowell; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Virgil Asher, and a sister, Lucy Carder.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam with the Rev. Terry Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

## Billy Renner

HUDSON — Billy D. "Bill" Renner, 77, of Hudson died at 11:55 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Renner had been a real estate broker in Fort Wayne and was retired from the Indiana Air National Guard. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of Kendallville American Legion Post 86. He had lived in the Hudson area since 1985, coming from Fort Wayne.

He was born April 8, 1929, in Ligonier to Nollon and Ethyl Mae (Blake) Renner. He married Wilma (Gard) Renner on Dec. 29, 1952, in Ligonier. She survives in Hudson.

Mr. Renner is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Laura Renner of Decatur; a daughter and son-in-law, Chris Ann and Gerald Greene of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Betty Renner of Hartford City; two grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Ellen Stutzman and Frances Stutzman; and three brothers, Richard Renner, Harold Renner and Gerald Renner.

There will be no services or calling.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Fort Wayne, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

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## E. Ann Browand

KENDALLVILLE — E. Ann Browand, 78, of Kendallville died at 4 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. She had been ill since October 2005.

**Mrs. Browand**

Before retirement in 1990, Mrs. Browand worked at Eaton in Kendallville for 14 years. She was a member of American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary and lived most of her life in Kendallville after moving from Fort Wayne. She established the Noble County Humane Shelter in 1971 on Angling Road. In 1985, she and Mayor John Riemke moved the shelter to its current Sherman Street location in Kendallville.

She was born Feb. 10, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Fred Wayne and L. Gladys (Egloff) Richards. She married C. Gene Browand on May 28, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Kendallville.

Mrs. Browand is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia Jean and Ron Mellott of Kendallville; a son, Larry Dean Browand of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Cory Mellott, Amy Mellott, Scott Mellott, Cassandra Browand and Connie Browand; three great-grandchildren, Christian Mellott, Brooklyn Mellott and Madison Mellott; and a brother, Stanley W. Richards of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, James F. Richards.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Toole of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be e-mailed to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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## Edgar Grabill

LAOTTO — Edgar D. Grabill, 82, of LaOtto died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

**Mr. Grabill**

Mr. Grabill was a LaOtto resident for 54 years. He was a farmer and dairy farmer for most of his life. He also was a part-time salesman.

He was an active member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church, where he was a member of the board, a Sunday school teacher, and very active in youth activities, especially when his children were involved. He also was a board member of DeKalb County Youth for Christ.

He was born Sept. 20, 1923, in New Paris to Charles E. and Lydia E. (Mishler) Grabill. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 29, 1946, in Garrett, he married Donna L. Yarde. As her health failed, he cared for her until she died Oct. 21, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Allen Grabill of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Sharon McMillan of New Paris, Connie Binz of Auburn, Brenda Seely of Auburn and Linda Duke of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, David Grabill of Beach City, Ohio, and LeRoy Grabill of New Paris.

He also was preceded in death by three brothers, Mearl, Jay and Paul Grabill, and two sisters, Mildred Knutti and Agnes Mishler.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the LaOtto Wesleyan Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Lois Watkins and Pastor Tyler Ward will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Additional calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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# Leeta Phelan was 'a true lady'

**BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND**
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ESTERO, Fla. — When Vickie Samec recalls her mother, Leeta Phelan, the first two things that come to her mind are red hair and high heels.

"Her hair was red, and it was natural," Vickie said. "Honest to God, I have more gray than she ever did."

Leeta Phelan, who lived for many years in Angola and, along with her husband Bruce owned such local businesses as Captain's Cabin restaurant and Hops-N-Schnapps party store, died at her home in Estero, Fla. on April 20. She had been battling cancer for several years. She was 81.

Vickie said her mother — who was actually her stepmother but was never referred to that way — also wasn't one to dress down — ever.

"I'm standing here in shorts and bare feet, and that would never be her," she said with a smile in her voice. "In all the time she worked and I knew her, she was always dressed well, which is why I always think of high heels when I think of her. Even in the house, she was always wearing nice sandals. And you'd never find her in a sweat suit. She was just very classy."

**Mrs. Phelan**

Leeta's son, Jack, said the three main things he will always remember about his mother are that she "had a great sense of humor, strong character, and always — even through her battle with cancer — came across as a true lady."

Vickie agreed that her mother's sense of humor was one of her most defining characteristics.

"She was fun to be around," she said. "She was very witty."

Vickie said her mother was also a very honest woman.

"She called a spade a spade," she said. "You'd better not ask her if something you were wearing looked good on you unless you really wanted to know."

Jack said one of his mother's passions was golf.

"She was an avid golfer," he said. "In Indiana, she played in several tournaments."

Jack said his mother's cancer diagnosis "was a shock to all of us."

"She was always healthy, and her mother lived to 105," he said.

Leeta's seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren were one of the brightest spots in her life, Jack said.

"I'm sure everyone says this about their mother, but she really was a fantastic mother and then a fantastic grandmother," he said. "She just loved her grandchildren to death. She lit up when they were around."

Jack said his mother had more friends than he could probably count.

"She got along real well with everyone," he said. "It was hard not to like her."

Jack said his mother and her husband were "inseparable for 40 years."

"They lived together, worked together and really enjoyed each other's company," he said. "That's a real rare thing to find anymore."

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## Burdette Haag

MONGO — Burdette "Bud" Haag, 76, of Mongo died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Haag worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at Pigeon River Fish & Game Reserve, for Kerr Iron Works in LaGrange and as an emergency medical technician for LaGrange County EMS.

He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of American Legion Post 215 and LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351, a lifetime member of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars and was active in Habitat for Humanity and the Mongo Volunteer Fire Department. He was mayor of Mongo in 2005.

He was born Sept. 15, 1929, in LaGrange County to Harley and Edna (Gochenaur) Haag. He married Shirley (Curtis) Haag on April 2, 1955, in Corunna. She survives.

Mr. Haag is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Danny Acree and Vivian Haag, all of Mongo; a son, William Haag of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Jennifer Acree of Mongo and Jamie Haag of Auburn Hills, Mich.; a great-grandchild, Hailey Marie Acree of Mongo; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Janet and Harvey Miller, Dorothy Devlin and Jeanette Sisson, all of LaGrange, Margie and John Day of Howe and Phillys and Don Wilson of Woodburn; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Dolores Haag of Marcellus, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mongo United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Bartlett will officiate. Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church and Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Shirley Raybuck

MIDDLEBURY — Shirley A. Raybuck, 67, of Middlebury died at 1:43 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Raybuck had been employed at Syndicate, Keene Machine and M.E.I, all of Middlebury. She enjoyed playing bingo.

She was born Aug. 25, 1938, in South Bend to George and Hattie (Botka) Chodzinski. She married William J. Raybuck on June 23, 1962, in South Bend. He survives.

Mrs. Raybuck is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and David Sharp of Goshen and Janet and Mike Ketchan of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, William J. Raybuck II and Tiffany Raybuck of Middlebury; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and a brother and sister-in-law, Julius and Mildred Walker of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Joshua Morse; and a sister, Virginia Pope.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be left at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Irma Sharkey

FORT WAYNE — Irma G. Sharkey, 94, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

During World War II, Mrs. Sharkey worked for the National Park Service. She and her husband opened the first television store in Fort Wayne — Sharkey's TV & Appliance — in 1946 and ran it until 1974. It was located in Waynedale. She was then the school librarian at St. Aloysius Catholic School from 1974 to 1979. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Winamac and a graduate of Winamac High School and business college in South Bend.

She was born April 10, 1912, in Monterey, Tippecanoe County to Anthony and Goldie Henry Grindle. She married Edward Sharkey, and he preceded her in death on June 5, 1973.

Mrs. Sharkey is survived by a stepsister, Joann Yeonam of Bluffton; three nieces, Marlene Girton and Linda Nicolas, both of Winamac, and Dena Byrd of Huntsville, Ala.; and a nephew, Michael Yeonam of Peru.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Lotti Grindle; and a sister, Dorothy in 2000.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Sacred Heart Chapel of Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Father Daniel Leeuw, Mrs. Sharkey's health guardian, power of attorney and longtime family friend, will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Monday at the chapel.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Masses and Sacred Heart Chapel.

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## Barbara Rider

FORT WAYNE — Barbara J. Rider, 80, of Fort Wayne died at 9:25 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past three years.

**Mrs. Rider**

Mrs. Rider was a homemaker and had been employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne when she was young.

She spent her early years on the family farm near Garrett and moved to LaOtto as a young girl. She was a graduate of Avilla High School.

Mrs. Rider enjoyed watching television, shopping, watching her grandchildren play baseball and spending time with her great-grandchildren.

She was born June 21, 1925, in Garrett to David and Ella (Gordon) Stonestreet. She married Milo E. "Buck" Rider on June 18, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He died April 9, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Rick" and Amy Rider and Pamela and K.C. Spillers, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Michael Stonestreet of South Bend; two sisters, Delores Arnold and Joan Bolton, both of Avilla; three grandchildren, Ryan Spillers, Natalie Rider and Tyler Rider; and two great-grandchildren, Austin Spillers and Alex Spillers.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Ilene Bryan; and four brothers, Guy Stonestreet, Jay Stonestreet, Robert Stonestreet and Jack Stonestreet.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. John Suciu of Wallen Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Virginia Jones

ANGOLA — Virginia L. Jones, 83, of Angola died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jones was born May 26, 1922, in Weirton, W.Va., to Ed and Fanny (McConnell) Wiley. She was married to Ben Jones on July 20, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 2000.

She was a homemaker. She was an accomplished water color artist and had won several prizes for her work. She belonged to Elderhostel and the Town and Country Quilters and had been active with the Steuben County Council on Aging. She was a former volunteer at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and was a former member of the Sweet Adelines.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. Burial will be in Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Memorial Garden.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Margaret Maples

LAGRANGE — Margaret A. Maples, 73, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Maples had retired in 1990 after 25 years of service with United Telephone Co.

She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

Mrs. Maples was born Sept. 17, 1932, in LaGrange County to Otto R. and Thelma (Poss) Rosendaul. She married Kenneth Maples on Dec. 24, 1969, in Topeka. He died Nov. 15, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ross L. and Marti Eagleson of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and her husband, Robecka and Eldon Blaylock of St. Augustine, Fla.; a stepson, Dale D. Maples of LaGrange; five grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; a great-grandchild; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Richard Rosendaul; a daughter, Rhonda Eagleson; and a stepson, Kenneth Lee Maples.

Service will be private.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Fire Department or the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun with additional information.*

## Burdette Haag

MONGO — Burdette "Bud" Haag, 76, of Mongo died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Haag was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He had worked for the DNR at the Pigeon River Fish and Game Preserve and at Kerr Iron Works.

He had served as an EMT for the LaGrange County EMS.

Mr. Haag was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of American Legion Post 215, LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351 and a life member of the Kendallville VFW.

He was named "Mayor" of Mongo in 2005.

Mr. Haag was active in Habitat for Humanity and involved with the Mongo Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born Sept. 15, 1929, in LaGrange County to Harley and Edna (Gochenaur) Haag. He married Shirley Curtis on April 2, 1955, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Danny Acree of Mongo and Vivian Haag of Mongo; a son, William Haag of LaGrange; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Janet and Harvey Miller, Dorothy Devlin and Jeanette Sisson, all of LaGrange, Margie and John Day of Howe and Phillys and Don Wilson of Woodburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Dolores Haag of Marcellus, Mich.; two grandchildren, Jennifer Acree of Mongo and Jamie Haag of Auburn Hills, Mich.; and one great-granddaughter, Hailey Marie Acree of Mongo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mongo United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhomes.com.

## Vertis Short

KENDALLVILLE — Vertis Short, 74, of Kendallville died at 5 a.m. today, Monday, May 1, 2006, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

## Brock Carteaux

FORT WAYNE — Brock A. Carteaux, 19, of Fort Wayne died Friday, April 28, 2006, at his home.

He was the assistant manager at Glamour Shots in Fort Wayne and a member of the Horizon Youth Group in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 1, 1986, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Russell Carteaux Jr. and Laura Carteaux of Avilla; his mother, Kim (Oliver) Carteaux of Huntington; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Brent and Nicole Carteaux of Auburn, Brad and Cammie Carteaux of Kendallville, Bryce Carteaux of Fort Wayne and Bruce and Loretta Carteaux of Jacksonville, N.C.; two stepbrothers, Derek Dahlman of LaOtto and Zane Anderson of Avilla; his grandparents, Russell Carteaux Sr. and Nelle Carteaux of Avilla and Gary and Dorlas Oliver of Huntington; a great-grandmother, Lillian Oliver of Redondo Beach, Calif.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Chris Mosley will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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May 1, 2006, Monday

## Wymond Castner

ORLAND — Wymond Verl Castner, 87, of Orland died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Castner was born Nov. 26, 1918, in Jackson Township, Steuben County to Grover Chester and Blanche (Beigh) Castner. He married Goldie Wurster on July 27, 1941, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 10, 2005.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in World War II. He was a farmer on his own farm since 1955 and had also worked as a bus driver for Prairie Heights Community Schools for 27 years.

He was a member of the Orland American Legion, where he was a past commander. He had received the Mighty Oak Award from Prairie Heights Community Schools.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Richard Foltz of Orland; a brother, Keith Castner of Charlotte, Mich.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter, Cheryl Ann Elliott; a brother, Chester Castner; and two sisters, Elsie Baxter and Rowena Frahm.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, where military services will be conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Jackson Prairie Cemetery.

## Eva Schrimp

AUBURN — Eva C. Schrimp, 86, of Auburn died Friday, April 28, 2006, at her home.

She was born in Decatur and was an inspector with ITT for 39 years, retiring in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Sylvia Longsworth of Uniondale; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phillip Longsworth of Auburn and Stephen and Marge Longsworth of Tennessee; a former daughter-in-law, Doris Longsworth of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Nancy Richards of Fort Wayne and Susan Lambert of Greenville, Ala.; a stepson, Michael Schrimp of Tampa, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Schrimp, in 1955; two infant children; a grandson, Michael Longsworth; three sisters; and two brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. William Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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May 2, 2006, Tuesday

## Richard Anderson

ANGOLA — Richard L. Anderson, 80, of Angola died Saturday, April 29, 2006.

Mr. Anderson was born Sept. 4, 1925, in Fort Wayne to William and Margaret (Borrows) Anderson. He was married to Janis Emerick on Nov. 26, 1945, in Avilla. She survives.

He was retired from Joslyn-Slater Steel Co. in Fort Wayne, where he worked for 25 years as an electrician foreman.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Evelyn Anderson of Fremont, Steve and Diane Anderson of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Stan and Tracy Anderson of Angola; three daughters, Jane Smith of LaGrange, Lori Ramey of Fort Wayne and Lisa Anderson of Albion; a brother, Gerald Anderson of South Milford; 18 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Elethyn Herendeen and Rolene Renkenberger.

Private services will be Friday, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Prairie Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.Johnson@bnin.net.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

## Virginia Jones

ANGOLA — Virginia L. Jones, 83, of Angola died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jones was born May 26, 1922, in Weirton, W.Va., to Ed and Fanny (McConnell) Wiley. She was married to Ben Jones on July 20, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 2000.

She was a homemaker. She was an accomplished water color artist and had won several prizes for her work. She belonged to Elderhostel and the Town and Country Quilters and had been active with the Steuben County Council on Aging. She was a former volunteer at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and was a former member of the Sweet Adelines.

Surviving are her fiancé, George Volosin of Angola; three sons, Edward Jones of North Carolina, Ben Jones III of Bluffton and Terry Jones of Angola; three daughters, Karen Mashburn of Miami, Fla., Shirley Watson of Lainsburg, Mich., and Dee Fraley of Cecil, Ohio; five grandchildren, Troy Jones, Brian Gately, Teresa Jones, Daniel Jones and Ben Jones IV; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lisa Wilson, and four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. Burial will be in Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Memorial Garden.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Billie Stambaugh

MONGO — Billie Tom Stambaugh, 69, of Mongo died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Stambaugh had moved to Mongo in 1964 from Estill, Ky.

He had retired in 2000 from Grumman-Olsen in Sturgis, Mich., after 33 years of service.

Mr. Stambaugh was an honorary member of the Mongo Fire Department.

He was born Aug. 10, 1936, in Estill, Ky., to Ervin and Susie (Griffith) Stambaugh. They preceded her in death. He married Maxie Blankenship on April 1, 1960, in Lackey, Ky. She died May 19, 2005.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Connie and Tom Shultz of Howe, Jean and Brian Philley of Topeka, Phyllis and Jack Stambaugh-Kimmel of LaGrange and Josie Stambaugh of Indianapolis; five sisters, Vivian Stambaugh of Paintsville, Ky., Patty Pennington of Pinkerton, Ohio, Brenda Branhan of Columbus, Ohio, and Betty Wallen and Judy Williams, both of Louisville, Ky.; a brother, James Stambaugh of Howe; six grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Mongo United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pisgah Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be from 5-9 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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## Violetta Mishler

LAGRANGE — Violetta Mishler, 106, of LaGrange and formerly of Topeka died at 5:20 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Mishler

Mrs. Mishler was a homemaker and lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was a member of Emma Mennonite Church where she was involved with the ladies sewing circle, the Bible study group and Women in Missions.

Mrs. Mishler was involved with the LaGrange Garden Club, LaGrange County Senior Citizens and the Joining Hands group.

She enjoyed working with plants and flowers.

She was born March 19, 1900, in Honeyville in LaGrange County to Daniel V. and Fanny (Yoder) Yoder, who preceded her in death. She married Howard E. Mishler on June 24, 1923, in LaGrange County. He died Dec. 19, 1977.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Norma Mishler of LaGrange; a brother, Harley Yoder of LaGrange; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, MaryEtta Shrock on April 13, 2001; three brothers, Albert, Elva and Leo Yoder; and two sisters, Mabel Miller and Birdena Yoder.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Emma Mennonite Church for Women in Missions or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Yoder-Clup Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

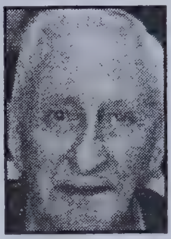
## Earl Altimus

WATERLOO — Earl Altimus, 74, of Waterloo died Monday, May 1, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

## Vertis Short

KENDALLVILLE — Vertis "Doug" Short, 74, of Kendallville died Monday, May 1, 2006, at his home following a lengthy illness.


Mr. Short

Mr. Short had retired from Reliable Tool in Kendallville after 25 years of service.

He was a member of Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Mr. Short enjoyed working on lawnmowers and old tractors and could fix just about anything.

He was born Feb. 25, 1932, in Slone Fork, Ky., to Fulton and Merthie (Thornsbury) Short. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Hindman. Ky.

He married Shelvia Jean Salisbury on July 15, 1953, in Hindman. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Kathy Short of Kendallville; four sisters, Alvanell Coburn, Sue Ramey, Anna Slone and Jewel Martin, all of Kentucky; one brother, Rondall Short of Wayland, Ky.; two grandchildren and their spouses, Deborah and Alex Borrero and Corey and Andria Short, all of Kendallville; and one great-granddaughter, Faith Borrero of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley Conley and Olgia Bolen; and two brothers, Dennis and Bobby Short.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with a service at 7 p.m.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Harold Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Harold L. Miller, 78, of Shipshewana died at 4:11 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006, in Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient since April 27.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller had served in both the Army and Air Force and retired after 20 years of service. He had worked at Starcraft in Goshen and later in security at Holly Park in Shipshewana.

He was born July 11, 1927, in Nappanee to Jacob and Mattie (Yoder) Miller, who preceded him in death. He married Dorothy Schaum on Aug. 4, 1955, in Bellville, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Paula Duncan of Goshen; five sisters and a brother-in-law, Velma Gorce and Ruth McGinnis, both of Elkhart, Lucille Mierau and Irene and Floyd Rheinheimer, all of Goshen, and Phyllis Troyer of Millersburg; and a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Sally Miller of Goshen.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ora and Glenford.

There are no services.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Burial will be in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Belleville, Ill.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Kathleen Birch

LIGONIER — Kathleen Birch, 88, of Ligonier died Monday, May 1, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Birch was a lifetime area resident and had retired from Monsanto.

She was a 50-year member of the Indiana Grand Chapter and Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Birch enjoyed canning and gardening.

She was born Nov. 28, 1917, in Ligonier to Reed H. and Maude (Shisler) Fisel. They preceded her in death. She married William Ralph Birch on Dec. 24, 1939, in Wolf Lake. He died Dec. 19, 2000.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Kay Birch; and two brothers, Robert Fisel and Herbert Fisel.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. John Lutton officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Earl Altimus

WATERLOO — Earl Altimus, 73, of Waterloo died Monday, May 1, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Altimus was employed at Butler and Butler Construction of Auburn. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born July 26, 1932, in Ashley to Howard and Hazel (Banta) Altimus. They preceded him in death.

He married Marty Fender on June 8, 1984, in Texas, and she preceded him in death on June 9, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kirk and Deb Altimus of Auburn and Dana Altimus of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Tracey Best of Pensacola, Fla.; two stepsons, Lonnie Fender and Ervin Fender, both of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Laura Lee Madsen of Auburn; a brother, Carl Altimus of Kendallville; a sister, Thelma Harter of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark; a brother, Dale Altimus; and a sister, Helen Mieras.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo VFW.

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## Charles Burress

MADISON — Charles Leslie "Chuck" Burress, 61, of Madison and formerly of Kendallville died at 11:30 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison. He had suffered from cancer the past six years.

Mr. Burress was the manager of the P.N. Hirsch & Co. store in Madison and then in Kendallville and later served 20 years as manager for several other Hirsch stores in the state.

He had also worked in maintenance and ammunition testing at the Jefferson Proving Grounds in Madison, retiring in 1994.

Mr. Burress was a member of North Madison Christian Church.

He had attended Ivy Tech State College and was inducted into the Army on Oct. 29, 1962, and rose to the rank of Specialist 4 in the Seventh Calvary. He was discharged on Oct. 28, 1968.

He was born Sept. 1, 1944, in Jefferson County to the late Samuel and Edith (Patterson) Burress. He married Shirley Anne Finke on July 2, 1966, at Manville Christian Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Angie and Tony Burke of Wheaton, Ill., and Kim and William Beverly of Madison; a son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Jamie Burress of West Terre Haute; two sisters, Sandy Pozil and Linda Fabian; six brothers, Bill, Fred, Sam, Don, Steve and Jim Burress; and six grandchildren, Alexandra, Claire, Jacob, Charles and Josie.

He was also preceded in death by four sisters, Pauline Crockett, Laverne Martin, Shirley Waddle and Eleanore Thorne, and two brothers, Richard and Bob Burress.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drvie, Madison, with Brother Bob Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery in Madison with military graveside services by Jefferson American Legion Post 9.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice of King's Daughters' Hospital or the Journey of Faith at North Madison Christian Church.

Condolcences may be sent online to www.morganwebsternay.com.

## Karen Starn

TUCSON, Ariz. — Karen Louise (Korn) Starn, 45, of Tucson died April 26.

A Fort Wayne native, she moved to Tucson in 2000 and worked in the Vail school district. She was active in Oasis at Rita Ranch Church and was a school health aid.

Surviving are two sons, Reid A. and Daniel L. Starn of Tucson; her mother, Marlene Masel Smith of Lake Placid, Fla.; a brother, Dennis Korn of Fort Wayne; a twin sister, Katherine, and her husband, Vince, of Auburn; her grandparents, Charles and Isabelle Masel of Fort Wayne; and many special friends in Tucson.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Casa de la Luz Hospice, 400 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704.

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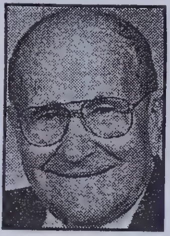
## Harry Hefty Jr.

AUBURN — Harry Hefty Jr., 84, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.


**Mr. Hefty**

Mr. Hefty worked at Warner Gear/Auburn Gear in Auburn for 50 years, retiring in 1998. He also had operated his family farm, Happy Valley, since returning from military service in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn. He also was a charter member and the oldest-living member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 15, 1921, in Waterloo to Harry Hefty Sr. and Pauline (Kettle) Hefty. They preceded him in death.

He married Wilma M. Haynes on Oct. 9, 1943, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald W. and Linda Hefty of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Dorothy Hefty of Auburn; a sister, Evelyn Kelly of Fortville; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Hefty.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Diane Barrett will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn. American Legion Post 97 of Auburn will conduct a military graveside service.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

## Vincent Wurm

MONROEVILLE — Vincent R. Wurm, 84, of Monroeville died Monday, May 1, 2006, at 7 p.m. in Village of Heritage at Monroeville, following an illness of two years.

Mr. Wurm lived in rural Monroeville for many years. He was a machinist at Fruehauf Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring after 39 1/2 years of service. He also was engaged in farming.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a staff sergeant until 1945.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville and a former member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. He was an associate member of Christ Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Surviving are his wife, Gail Joan (Gable) Wurm of Decatur; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Bernard "Ben" and Linda Wurm of Decatur, Stanley W. and Peggy Wurm of St. Petersburg, Fla., Kevin R. Wurm of Monroeville and Brian K. and Lynn Wurm of Monroeville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheryl L. and Richard Ahlersmeyer of Tucson, Ariz., and Jacqueline and Kim Ruble of Monroeville; two brothers, Donald W. Wurm of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Victor U. Wurm of Monroeville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Katherine "Kay" Hassely of West Lake, Ohio, and Marilyn and Al Molargik of Garrett; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Rosemarie Wurm at age 15 and Carolyn Wurm at age six months; two brothers, Paul and Charles Wurm; and a grandson, Bradley Wurm, at age 2.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Monroeville. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery, with military graveside services by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Friday from noon-8 p.m. at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, in Monroeville and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana and the Village of Heritage Angel Fund.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.zwickjahn.com.

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# Donald J. Claxton, 72

COLUMBIA CITY – Donald J. Claxton, age 72 of Tri Lakes, Columbia City, Indiana and a lifetime member of the area, died at 2:15 AM Friday, April 28, 2006 in his residence following a brief illness. He retired in 1994 after 42 years of service at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne, Indiana where he worked in machine repair.

Donald was born April 19, 1934 in Green Twp. Noble County, Indiana a son of James and Lura (Diffendarfer) Claxton and was a 1952 graduate of Churubusco High School. He was united in marriage on July 30, 1954 to Delores Jean Long in Green Center. He is a member of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church north of Columbia City, Churubusco Lodge # 515 F&AM Masonic Lodge where he served as a past master, Tri-Lakes Lions Club serving as past president, and a recipient of the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the Boots & Bonnets Square Dance Club and enjoyed ballroom dancing. He had also been a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Delores, their children Donita Michael, Delania Gray, Darin Claxton, Douglas (Connie) Claxton, all of Churubusco and Dana (Deb) Claxton of Columbia City. Brothers and sisters, William H. (Shirley) Claxton of Churubusco, Paul L. (Arlene) Claxton of Portland, Oregon, Ray A. (Sue) Claxton of Huntertown, Betty (Jack) Hill of LaOtto, IN, Mary Lou (Robert) Grawcock of Columbia City, and Ann Shearer of Columbia City. Also surviving are 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son DeLynn J. Claxton 10/11/93, a son-in-law Joe Michael, brother-in-law Robert Shearer.

Services were held Tuesday, May 2, 2006 in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, Indiana with Pastor Michael Dillion officiated. Burial will be private at a later date.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Whitley County/Parkview Home Health & Hospice or to the St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home. Condolences emailed to: sympathy@sheets and childs.net.

# Yvonne M. Davis, 88

LAS VEGAS – Yvonne M. Davis, 88, of Las Vegas and formerly of Albion died at 8:05 a.m. Monday, April 24, 2006, at Sun Rise Hospital in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and had worked at the Publix Cafe in Kendallville.

She had spent her childhood in Kendallville, then moved to Akron, Ohio, where she graduated from high school.

Mrs. Davis lived in this area from 1946 until moving to Las Vegas in 2001 to be near her son. She was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City.

She enjoyed watching the musical group Sunspots in Las Vegas. She also enjoyed watching old Western movies and TV shows on the TV Land Network and following politics.

Mrs. Davis was born July 28, 1917, in Le High, Ill., to Morris Daniel and Mary Anna (St. John) Kane. They are deceased. She married Lawrence Davis on Nov. 3, 1937 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. He died Dec. 24, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Dianna Davis of Las Vegas; two other daughters-in-law, Linda and Jean; five grandchildren, Teneen Dobbs, Tyler Davis, Brad Davis, Ryan Davis and Kara Baumann; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Richard Davis in May 1993 and Gary Davis in February 1999; a granddaughter, Tia Davis in September 2000; two brothers, Donn Kane and Vernon "Buster" Kane; and three sisters, Beryl Reade, Bernice Be Vier and Jean Michaelson.

Services were held Saturday, April 29, 2006, at St. Gasper Catholic Church in Rome City. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to the Albion American Legion Post, Masses to St. Gasper Catholic Church or the Noble County Community Foundation Democratic Scholarship Fund.

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## Barbara Weber, 78

ALBION -- Barbara Jean Weber, 78, of Albion, died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Weber was born December 21, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Virgil and Lillian (Kayser) Asher. They preceded her in death. She married Calvin Weber on August 23, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He passed away on January 16, 1978. Mrs. Weber had lived in rural Albion most of her life and had moved to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla in January of 2004.

She had been a Noble County probation officer for 19 years and had served as an investigator for the Noble County Prosecutor's Office for 13 years. She had also served as manager of Congressman J. Edward Roush's Kendallville office for four years. She was a 1945 graduate of New Haven High School and 1946 graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne. She was also a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, Noble County Democrat Women's Club, Noble County Historical Society, Noble County Genealogical Society, American Legion Post 246 Auxiliary and a lifetime member of the Indiana Correctional Association.

Mrs. Weber had served 16 years as Noble County Democratic Party vice chairman, 10 years as 4th District Democratic Party vice chairman and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1980.

Surviving are two sons and daughter-in-laws, Raymond and Lynda Weber of Albion and Les and Emily Weber of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth "Lib" and Brent McDowell of Avilla; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jamie and Barry Mooney, Ryan and Kara Weber, Christopher and Mary Weber, Robert and Jennifer Weber, Jolene and Zac Lock, Alissa and Corey Schoon and Derek McDowell; and 11 great- grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Virgil Asher, and a sister, Lucy Carder.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements. The funeral service was Saturday at Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

## Vertis Short, 74

KENDALLVILLE - Vertis Short, age 74, died Monday, May 1, 2006 at his residence on Greenwood Drive in Kendallville following a lengthy illness. Mr. Short was born in Slone Fork, Kentucky on February 25, 1932 to Fulton and Merthie (Thornsbury) Short.

He was married to Shelvia Jean Salisbury on July 15, 1953 in Hindman, Kentucky. He was retired from Reliable Tool in Kendallville after 25 years of service.

Mr. Short was a member of Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville and fixed just about anything. He enjoyed working on lawn mowers and old tractors.

Surviving are his wife Shelvia of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Kathy Short of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Deborah and Alex Borrero and Corey and Andria Short both of Kendallville; one Great granddaughter; His mother, Merthie Short of Hindman, Kentucky; four sisters, Alvanell Coburn, Sue Ramey, Anna Slone, and Jewel Martin all of Kentucky; one brother, Rondall Short of Wakeland, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his father, two sisters, Shirley Conley and Olgia Bolen; and two brothers, Dennis and Bobby Short.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Pastor Charles Mosley officiated. Burial in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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# Richard L. Anderson, 80

ANGOLA – Richard L. Anderson, 80, of Angola died Saturday, April 29, 2006.

Mr. Anderson was born Sept. 4, 1925, in Fort Wayne to William and Margaret (Borrows) Anderson. He was married to Janis Emerick on Nov. 26, 1945, in Avilla. She survives.

He was retired from Joslyn-Slater Steel Co. in Fort Wayne, where he worked for 25 years as an electrician foreman.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Evelyn Anderson of Fremont, Steve and Diane Anderson of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Stan and Tracy Anderson of Angola; three daughters, Jane Smith of LaGrange, Lori Ramey of Fort Wayne and Lisa Anderson of Albion; a brother, Gerald Anderson of South Milford; 18 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Elethyn Herendeen and Rolene Renkenberger.

Private services will be Friday, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Prairie Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday, May 4, 2006, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.Johnson@bnin.net.

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## Rev. William Henry

FRANKLIN — The Rev. William L. Henry, 80, of Franklin died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

Rev. Henry was born Sept. 10, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Samuel Earl and Camilla G. (Mahnensmith) Henry. He had previously lived in Fort Wayne, Columbia City, South Bend, Anderson and Lowell.

He was a member of the North Indiana Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist churches. He served as a pastor in many places, including Steuben County, Columbia City, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Anderson and Lowell.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Anderson.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Susan Henry of Angola and Michael and Lorrie Henry of Charlotte, N.C.; a sister, Anna Belle Knapp of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Brenna Sands of Tampa, Fla., Nephi Jay and Jared Henry, both of Provo, Utah, and Jordan Henry of Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Melba Bernice Robinson Henry, in 2004; a son, Stan Henry; and his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Nine Mile United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. Calling will be two hours before services.

Burial will be in Nine Mile Maple Lawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the University of Indianapolis.

Arrangements are being handled by Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

## Kathleen Bradbury

ANGOLA — Kathleen E. Bradbury, 69, of Angola died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Bradbury was born in Colorado Springs, Colo., on April 15, 1937, to W.J. and Fern (Fizzel) Higman. She was married to Wayne Bradbury on Sept. 13, 1958, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Evelyn Cole and Norma Mote, both of Angola, and Helen Bonnin of Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters, Merlin Harbart and Norma Harbart, both of Colorado Springs; and six grandchildren, Amber Bradbury, David Cole, Jeremiah Cole, Joshua Cole, Michael Mote and Christopher Mote.

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

## John Wagner

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — John Wagner, 88, formerly of Garrett, died Friday, March 24, 2006, in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Mr. Wagner was the caretaker for Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett before moving to Pennsylvania.

He was born Jan. 10, 1918, in Garrett to David and Pearl (Henry) Wagner. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, James and Deanna Wagner of Douglas Flat, Calif.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church of Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

## Joseph Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Well-known Kendallville auctioneer Joseph Parker died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

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## Darwin Provines

ST. JOE — Darwin D. Provines, 84, of St. Joe died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at his son's home in Auburn.

Mr. Provines worked at Dana Corp. for 37 years.

He was born March 10, 1922, in Butler to Milo and Lucille (Gee) Provines.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Provines of Auburn and Steven Provines of Antwerp, Ohio; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Melva Eckright of Butler; and a sister-in-law, Violet Provines of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lorene Berry; and three brothers, Verl, James and Devere Provines.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville. Pastor Gerry Weesner will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Delmar Renfrow

BUTLER — Delmar Renfrow, 83, of Butler died Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Born in Butler, Mr. Renfrow was a truck driver with Bauman & Harnish for 10 years, retiring in 1976. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1944 to 1946 and was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are a son, Darrell Renfrow of Auburn; a brother, Olin Renfrow of Florida; three grandchildren, Kimberly Scantland of Warren, Darrell Renfrow Jr. of Butler and Thomas Renfrow of Butler; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Barbara (Henderson) Renfrow; two brothers, Roscoe Renfrow and Odell Renfrow; four sisters, Flossie Emery, Stella White, Agness Lee and Altie Fleener; and a great-granddaughter, Emily Scantland.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Theron Imhoff

AUBURN — Theron J. Imhoff, 90, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Imhoff was a farmer in Wilmington Township. He worked on the B&O Railroad, retiring in 1975 after 34 years of service.

He was a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Farm Bureau.

He was born Nov. 6, 1915, in Wilmington Township to Charles M. and Mary (Kester) Imhoff. They preceded him in death.

He married Rachel Casebere on Nov. 26, 1936, in Butler and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Keith Imhoff and Kent Imhoff, both of Menlo Park, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Alger Miller of Butler; a daughter-in-law, Janet Imhoff of Butler; four grandchildren and their spouses, Sheri and Shannon Planck of Butler, Yvonne and David Fee of Leo, Todd and Pat Imhoff of Butler and Vicki and Steve Rodkey of Butler; nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roger Imhoff.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Scott and D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

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## Rachel Cook

SPENCERVILLE — Rachel Louise Cook, 78, of Spencerville died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Cook worked in wire assembly at General Electric and was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Louisa Freiburger of Butler; two sons, Dean E. Cook of Butler and Brian N. Cook of Spencerville; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Isabel Folk of New Carlisle and Josephine Crowl of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, C. Richard Chapman in 1975 and David Chapman in 1995.

She was born July 16, 1927, in Spencerville to Charles E. and Frances B. (Butler) Chapman. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald Edward Cook on June 10, 1949, in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. He died May 15, 2000.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville. Pastor Gerry Weesner will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery near Spencerville.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Orleva Schubert

INDIANAPOLIS — Orleva Schubert, 91, of Indianapolis, died Saturday, April 29, 2006.

She was a member of Calvary Tabernacle Church and retired from the Marion County Nursing Home.

She was born July 4, 1914, in Noble County to James and Stella Ditmars. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, James DePew and Robert DePew, both of Auburn, and Dewayne Funk of Indianapolis; a daughter, Donelda Popp of Beech Grove; a sister, Ruth O'Connor; 15 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Schubert, three sons, Harlan Schubert, John DePew and Charles DePew; and several brothers and sisters.

Services were held Tuesday at Little & Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove Chapel. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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*The following notice of services is being reprinted. Last week's paper had the wrong date for the services, and we apologize.*

## Edna DeBrular

KIMMELL — Interment services for Edna Mae (Beers) DeBrular, 91, of Burke, Va., will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with Pastor Don Poyser officiating.

Mrs. DeBrular died Jan. 3 in Arlington, Va.

She was a native of Noble County and was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Washington Township to the late Orvas Edward and Margery Mae (Adair) Beers.

Surviving are two daughters; a son; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, James E. DeBrular, and four brothers, Vance, Joseph, Dale and Orvas Beers.

## Marvin Rowe

PLEASANT LAKE - Marvin Lee Rowe, 93, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Rowe was born Sept. 8, 1912 in Farmland, Randolph County to Oscar and Gertrude (Keys) Rowe. He was married to Alberta Wise on Nov. 8, 1941, and she survives.

He had worked at Chrysler in New Castle, and was the owner of the Lakeview Motel in Pleasant Lake, which he built and then operated for over 50 years. He had also worked at Lockhead Aircraft in Burbank, Calif. during World War II.

He was a pitcher for the Farmland High School and Chrysler baseball teams.

He enjoyed hunting, pitching in baseball games and playing horseshoes.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Joe Gheraldi of Staten Island, N.Y., Marilyn and Gary Bumgardner of Big Stone Gap, Va. and Sandra and Dave Brockett of Ligonier; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

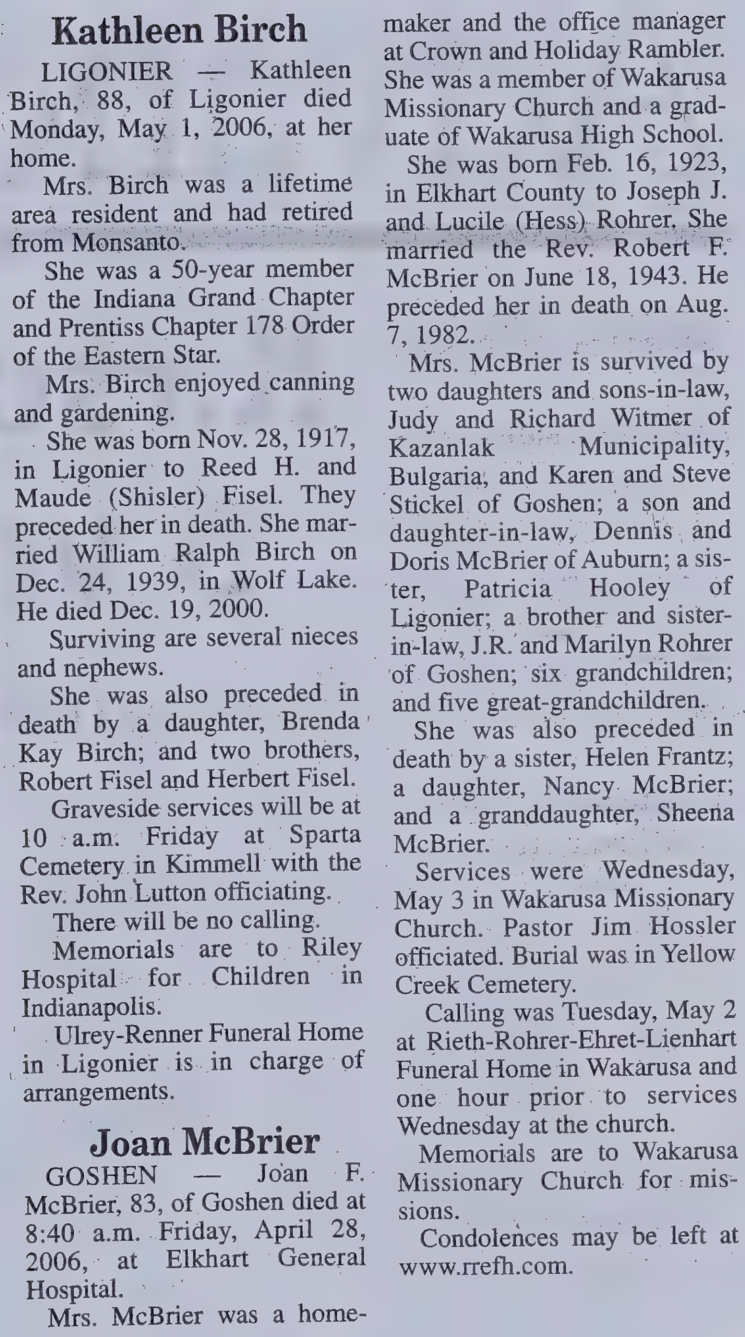
He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Anita Rowe; a sons, Stephen Rowe; two brothers, Robert and Leroy Rowe; and a sister, Margaret Bookout.

Services were at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, where graveside services were conducted Monday, May 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Pleasant Lake Lions Club or the Steuben Township Fire Department.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
May 4, 2006, Thursday



## Kathleen Birch

LIGONIER — Kathleen Birch, 88, of Ligonier died Monday, May 1, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Birch was a lifetime area resident and had retired from Monsanto.

She was a 50-year member of the Indiana Grand Chapter and Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Birch enjoyed canning and gardening.

She was born Nov. 28, 1917, in Ligonier to Reed H. and Maude (Shisler) Fisel. They preceded her in death. She married William Ralph Birch on Dec. 24, 1939, in Wolf Lake. He died Dec. 19, 2000.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Kay Birch; and two brothers, Robert Fisel and Herbert Fisel.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. John Lutton officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Joan McBrier

GOSHEN — Joan F. McBrier, 83, of Goshen died at 8:40 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. McBrier was a homemaker and the office manager at Crown and Holiday Rambler. She was a member of Wakarusa Missionary Church and a graduate of Wakarusa High School.

She was born Feb. 16, 1923, in Elkhart County to Joseph J. and Lucile (Hess) Rohrer. She married the Rev. Robert F. McBrier on June 18, 1943. He preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 1982.

Mrs. McBrier is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Richard Witmer of Kazanlak Municipality, Bulgaria, and Karen and Steve Stickel of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Doris McBrier of Auburn; a sister, Patricia Hooley of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, J.R. and Marilyn Rohrer of Goshen; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Frantz; a daughter, Nancy McBrier; and a granddaughter, Sheena McBrier.

Services were Wednesday, May 3 in Wakarusa Missionary Church. Pastor Jim Hossler officiated. Burial was in Yellow Creek Cemetery.

Calling was Tuesday, May 2 at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home in Wakarusa and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Wakarusa Missionary Church for missions.

Condolences may be left at www.rrefh.com.

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May 5, 2006, Friday

# 'Pete' Peterson, former state Rep., dies at 92

**BY BOB BUTTGEN**
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LIGONIER — Family members and friends across the state are mourning the death of Ellsworth "Pete" Peterson, who served his community in the fields of government, business and community service for dozens of years.

Peterson, who died Thursday at the age of 92, represented Noble County in the Indiana General Assembly as a state representative from 1959-64 and 1967-74 — a total of 14 years — and had been honored by numerous politicians. He died at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Peterson had been in failing health for the past several weeks and a resident at the nursing home for several months.

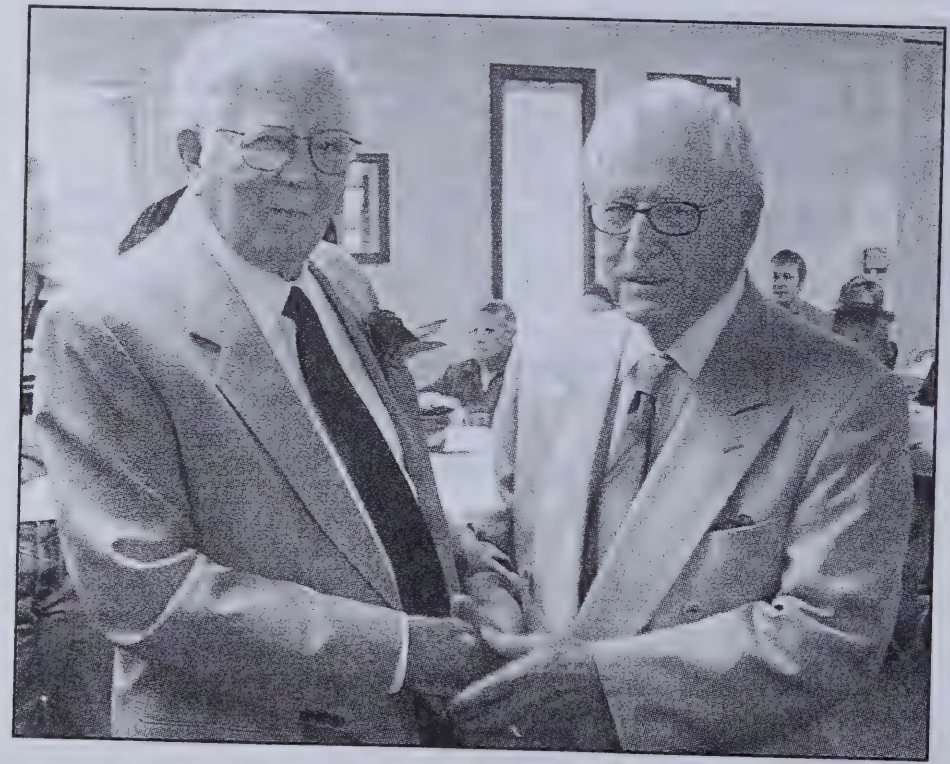
The lifelong resident of Ligonier was a friend to many and a community leader for nearly his entire life. Among his past honors was twice being awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

Peterson had owned and operated a Noble County insurance agency for many years before entering politics and being elected to represent Noble County in the Indiana Statehouse.

Following his tenure in the Indiana House, he was appointed executive director of the Indiana Toll Road and served in that capacity for several years before retiring.

"He represented his constiuents as well as anybody I ever met," said state Sen. Robert Meeks on Thursday, upon hearing the news of Peterson's passing. "He was a real gentleman and a great legislator. But he also a common guy who could relate to the people, and will be sorely missed by those who had the pleasure to know him."

In March of 2004, Peterson celebrated his 90th birthday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, where he was a member for most of his life. Gov. Bowen was among the more than 100 people in attendance at that party.



BOB BUTTGEN

**In March of 2004, Ellsworth "Pete" Peterson, left, celebrated his 90th birthday at Ligonier United Methodist Church. Former Indiana Gov. Otis Bowen was among the more than 100 people in attendance at that party.**

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## Ellsworth Peterson

LIGONIER — Ellsworth C. Peterson, 92, of Ligonier died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Avalon Nursing Home in Ligonier.

**Mr. Peterson**

A native of Noble County, he spent his life as a farmer, owner of Peterson Insurance Agency and public servant.

Mr. Peterson served in the Indiana House of Representatives for 14 years, first from 1959-1964 and again from 1967-1974. Two of those years were spent as chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee and four years on the state Budge Committee. He sponsored the appropriations bill for the creation of Chain O' Lakes State Park and saved the stoplight in downtown Ligonier from being removed.

He was a township trustee from 1951-1958 and one of the original stockholders of the Noble County Fair Board. He served as president of the Indiana Township Trustee's Association and as chairman of the Noble County Farm Bureau.

He served on the national board of Investors Trust and in 1976 was appointed by then Gov. Otis Bowen to serve as general manager of the Indiana Toll Road. In September 1978, he was appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.

Mr. Peterson received two Sagamore of the Wabash Awards, one from former Gov. Bowen and the other from former Gov. Robert Orr.

He retired in 1981 after having served under five governors.

Mr. Peterson was an active member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, 50-year member of the Ligonier Lions Club and had been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Peterson was born March 1, 1914, in Noble County to the late Henry and Mable Ruth Peterson. He married Kathryn Yoder in 1939. She preceded him in death. In 1991 he married Elizabeth McDonald. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Nancy Peterson of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Hull of Syracuse and Barbara and Bob Hinkle of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Kathryn and Frank Schlotterback of Albion; a stepdaughter, Barbara Lough of Albion; two stepsons and the wives, Martin and Gloria McDonald and Frank and Kristi McDonald, all of Ligonier; a brother-in-law and his wife, Robert and Mary Yoder of Topeka; a niece, Ruth Ann Richards of Topeka; three nephews and their wives, Bill and Mimi Peterson of Texas, and Dennis and Becky Yoder and Bob and Grace Yoder, all of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; 18 stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda DeBolt; a sister, Helen Ream; a brother, Ernest Ray Peterson; a brother-in-law, Forrest Ream; and a sister-in-law, Janet Peterson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the church with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, Ligonier Lions Club or the Ligonier Masonic Lodge.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Iva Estep

BUTLER — Iva Estep, 83, of Butler died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Glenbrook Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

She has no survivors.

Private graveside services will take place Saturday at the Butler Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

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## Joseph Parker

Mr. Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph L. Parker, 72, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Parker and his wife, Madelynne, had owned and operated Joseph L. Parker Auctioneers for more than 30 years.

He had also served as Noble County Assessor for eight years, had served in the LaGrange County Reassessment Office and had been a supervisor at Mahoney Foundry and Newnam Foundry, where he had worked for 20 years.

Mr. Parker was one of the founding members of the executive committee of the Apple Festival of Kendallville and had volunteered his time and talents to the festival for more than 20 years. He particularly loved the buck skinners and primitive areas at the festival and was known there as "Buckeye Joe."

Mr. Parker had donated his auctioning talents to many charitable and 4-H events and had a real enthusiasm and gusto for life. He loved collecting antiques and automobile restoration. His favorite cars were his 1964 Devon, the J-Car, Auburns, Cords, Duesenbergs and Mopars.

He was an avid IU fan.

Mr. Parker was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville.

He was a 1952 graduate of Kendallville High School.

He was born Nov. 24, 1933, in Kendallville to the late Washington Cook and Florence (Stevenson) Parker. He married Madelynne M. Martz on June 4, 1976. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Bill Parker of Kendallville; a daughter, Teresa Ade and her companion, Snowden Edmundson, of Sturgis, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Nancy and Verlin Lung of Kendallville and Kay and Greg Snapp of El Paso, Texas; a stepson and his wife, Tom and Kathy Kemerly of Nashville, Ind.; 15 grandchildren, Isaac Fox, Ashley Holliday, Jarod Parker, Margie Parker, Isaah Parker, LeighAnn Parker, Stephen Ade, Nicole Ade, Amanda Edmundson, Gregory Lung, Geoffrey Lung, Todd Snapp, Lori Limas, Troy Kemerly and Hayden Kemerly; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Jean Cart and Mary Lou Dafforn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Apple Festival of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Leila Gillespie

ALBION — Leila V. Gillespie, 86, of rural Albion died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gillespie had lived in Noble County most of her life. She had lived at her present address for 56 years.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Gillespie was born Feb. 9, 1920, in South Bend to the late Burnell and Ruth (Kuhns) Campbell. She married John V. Gillespie on May 6, 1942, in Knox. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Vern and Peggy Gillespie of Wolf Lake; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jim Clevenger in 1994; a daughter, Joyce Meredith in 2005; a brother, Joe Campbell; and three sisters, Ruth Gerke, Beulah Wilson and Liz Marvel.

There will be no services or calling.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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## June Wentworth

HOWE — June Wentworth, 85, of Howe died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Wentworth

A LaGrange County native, she had moved back to the area in 1947 from Mishawaka.

She was a home-maker and worked in the family business, Wentworth Electronics.

Mrs. Wentworth was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church and its K.R. Circle.

She was also a member of Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star and the Riverside Home Economics Club.

She was born June 5, 1920, in Greenfield Township, LaGrange County, to the late Russell and Ethel (Fennell) Blasius. She married John A. "Jack" Wentworth. He died July 12, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ronald and Judy Wentworth of Kimmell, Dale Wentworth of Howe and Myron and Kathie Wentworth of Butler; a brother, John Blasius of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Annadell Norton of Sturgis; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Blasius and George Blasius, and a sister, Moreta Ritter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with Pastor Dan Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the church, with an OES service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Sue Uetrecht

BEND, Ore. — Sue Carol Jones Uetrecht, 65, of Bend died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Uetrecht was born in Indianapolis. She lived in Fort Wayne, where she graduated from North Side High School. She was also a graduate of Purdue University.

She was an active real estate agent in Angola and was a member of the Kiwanis Club. She was a member of the Westside Church in Bend.

Surviving are her mother, June (Jones) Lake of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Julie Uetrecht and Matt and Nancy Uetrecht, all of Coldwater, Mich., and Robert and Stephanie Uetrecht of Bend; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Jones Zion of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren, Joelle, Jaron, Nathan, Zachary and Ryder.

Her father, Randall Jones, preceded her in death.

Services will be at Avalon of Northbrook Community Center, 10230 Avalon Way, Fort Wayne, on May 13 from 4-6 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society of Fort Wayne.

## Alan Olinske

PLEASANT LAKE — Lifetime Steuben County resident Alan Lee "Al" Olinske, 39, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Olinske was born May 15, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Sheron (Stillwell) Olinske. He was employed by PBL Industries in Angola. He enjoyed hunting in Indiana, Colorado, Montana and Alaska and fishing in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri and Canada. He enjoyed many weekends on Lake Erie, where he had his fishing boat.

Surviving are his parents in Pleasant Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Randy and Pam Olinske of South Whitley and Lee and Mindy Olinske of Auburn; nieces and nephews, Michele, Karissa, Chad, Thomas and Zachary; an aunt, Wilma Olinske; and two uncles, John Stillwell II and James M. Baker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814; Steuben County Cancer Society or Riley Children's Hospital.

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## Thetis Greenlee

NAPLES, Fla. — Thetis Evelyn Greenlee, 98 of Naples and formerly of Union City, Ind., died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at her home.

**Mrs. Greenlee**

She had been a lifetime Union City resident, wintering and retiring to Naples in 2001.

Mrs. Greenlee attended college at age 15, graduating from Indiana University in 1927 with a letter in field hockey.

She taught English and French in Jackson Township and Missisinawa Valley schools.

Mrs. Greenlee was active in her community, serving on the U.C.C.H.S. school board and Union City Library Board. She was a member of First Christian Church and Alpha Omicron Phi and Tri Kappa sororities.

She was an avid Bridge player and loved playing cards with her family and friends. She loved spending time with her family and had enjoyed summers at Oliver Lake in LaGrange County since 1944.

Mrs. Greenlee was an enthusiastic Democrat, enjoyed walking and reading.

She was born Feb. 20, 1908, in Union City to the late Robert R. and Cecil (Hindsley) Kemp.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Joseph and Rosemary Greenlee Jr. of LaGrange and Dr. James and Karen Greenlee of Naples; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and Brad Greenlee, Joseph and Joan Greenlee III, Janet Roe, John and Heather Greenlee, Jeremy and Emily Greenlee, Joshua and Julie Greenlee, James and Amy Greenlee, Rosalind and Chris Bachtel, and Deborah and Kip Keck; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Alan Greenlee, Aug. 17, 1974; two brothers, James Kemp and Roger Kemp; and two sisters, Phyllis Love and Jeanette Stephens.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Union City with the Rev. Harold Libert officiating. Burial will be in Union City Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the Reichard Funeral Home in Union City.

Memorials are to First Christian Church, Church of Peace in LaBelle, Fla., or to the donor's choice.

## Orpha Rubley

LAKE PLEASANT — Orpha M. Rubley, 93, of Lake Pleasant died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

**Mrs. Rubley**

Mrs. Rubley was born June 1, 1912, in Woodburn to John and Mary (Baker) Lutz. She was married to Merl C. Rubley, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1983.

She was a homemaker and a farmer. She attended Bethel Gilead Community Church in Michigan. She enjoyed playing the organ and crocheting.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Ernest Engelhardt of AuTrain, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Mickey Rubley of Coldwater, Mich., and Norbert and Dianne Rubley of Montgomery, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Robert Rubley; three brothers, Howard, Marion and Ronald Lutz; and a sister, Ella Clark.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jim Erwin officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Memorials are to Bethel Gilead Community Church.

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## Catherine Leamon

SYRACUSE — Catherine Elizabeth Leamon, 81, of Syracuse and formerly of Cromwell, died Friday, May 5, 2006 at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

She had retired as a cook after 24 years at the West Noble School Corp. and she had worked at the former Wirk Garment factory in Ligonier.

Mrs. Leamon

She was born Aug. 1, 1924, in Cromwell to Ernest and Luella (Clayton) Calbeck.

On Oct. 16, 1945, in Millersburg, she married Lloyd (Dago) Leamon.

She was a member of the Cromwell United Methodist Church and the Lydia Circle. She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Cromwell Alumni Association, Cromwell Cloud Chasers, Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, 101 Club, AARP National and the Golden Girls. She enjoyed cooking, playing cards and bingo, IU basketball and Cubs baseball. She also enjoyed being with family and friends.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Leamon of Cromwell, Joseph Leamon of Jacksonville, Fla., and Sherman and Juliet Leamon of Syracuse; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia and Leemon Ward of Dunkirk, Mellissa Leamon of Cromwell, and Beverly and James Moseman of DeWart Lake; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Ed Koher of Goshen; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1995; her parents; one son, Martin Leamon; two sisters, Ellabelle Robbins and Barbara Brandt; and one granddaughter, Laura Leamon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with the Revs. Richard Lyth and Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, where an Eastern Star service will be at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to the Sparta Township Fire Department.

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## Evelyn Murphy

ANTWERP, Ohio — Evelyn F. Murphy, 87, of Antwerp, Ohio, died at 3:35 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at Wesley Heathcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Murphy was a homemaker. She was born in St. Joe on Feb. 19, 1919, to Forest and Hazel (Smurr) Dermott.

She married Robert "Bob" Murphy on Oct. 27, 1937. He died Nov. 25, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Marge Dennis of Montpelier, Ohio, and Marilyn Lichty of LaGrange, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Marion Dermott, and her parents.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St. (U.S. 24), Antwerp, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery of Antwerp.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

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May 6, 2006, Saturday

## Larry Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Larry D. Miller, 63, of Middlebury, died at 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at his residence.

He was an electrician at Schult Homes of Middlebury for 36 years. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and he was known for his willingness to help anyone, especially with electrical work.

Mr. Miller

He was born Dec. 7, 1942, in Goshen to Daniel J. and Betty (Kaufman) Miller.

He married Lori Dumacder April 22, 2000, in Nappanee. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheri and Doug Pettifor of Goshen; one son, Todd Miller of Goshen; a stepdaughter, Kathryn Nael of Goshen; three grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Glen "Dale" and June Miller of Middlebury.

Preceding him in death was his mother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Crossroads Community Church in Goshen, pastors Mark Royce and Don Comstock officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery of rural Goshen.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to the hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

## Marjorie Turpchinoff

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie E. Turpchinoff, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Linda Franze of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Patrick O'Neill of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Jackie Franze of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Gus Feasel of Auburn; two nephews; and one niece.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William Turpchinoff; and a son, David Franze.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, with Father Gary Sigler officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church. A Rosary service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Indiana Foundation for Ileitis & Colitis, Masses or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

## David Boyd

ALBION — David E. Boyd, 68, of Albion, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was head sawyer for Jorg & McDonald, Ligonier, for 19 years and worked for Essex Wire.

He was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and the Aero & Machinist Union. He enjoyed the guitar, camping, fishing and his grandson.

Mr. Boyd was born Feb. 21, 1938, in Wawaka, to Kenneth and Elizabeth (Franks) Boyd.

On March 2, 1959, he married Mary Smith in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Scott Parr of Auburn; his mother, of Kendallville; a grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn; a sister, Sharon Smith of Albion; and four brothers, Gerald Boyd of Goshen, Roger Boyd of Kendallville, Edward Boyd of Springfield, Ohio, and Ken Boyd Jr. of Wolf Lake.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel, the Rev. David Kushman officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1909 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

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May 6, 2006, Saturday

## Irene Watford

MIDDLEBURY — Irene Frances "Sweet Pea" Watford, 74, of Middlebury, died at 10:50 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2006, at her home after battling cancer.

She was co-owner of Welded Products of Mishawaka and enjoyed crocheting, traveling and jigsaw puzzles, but most of all being a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She had lived in Middlebury since January after living 15 years in Fruite, Colo.

**Mrs. Watford**

She was born Feb. 24, 1932, in Brookhaven, Miss., to Thomas and Frances (Allen) Winborne.

On May 24, 1949, she married John Henry Watford in McComb, Miss. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Gene Miller of Grand Junction, Colo., Sandra and Richard Willis of Burling, Ky., and Tina and Randal Powell of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, J. Stephen and Lisa Watford of Mishawaka; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister, Yvonne Herring of Brookhaven, Miss.; and two brothers, Charles Ray Winborne and Thomas Winborne, both of Brookhaven, Miss.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, J.T. and Troy Winborne; a sister, Alene McCoy; a half-brother, Gene Smith; and a half-sister, Hardie Wallace.

Friends and family may gather at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury at 9:30 a.m. Monday for a procession to Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury, where graveside services will be at 10 a.m.

Calling is from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to an agency of the donor's choice.

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May 7, 2006, Sunday

# He could find the best in anyone

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**Richard "Abe" and Rita Frost were best friends as well as husband and wife. Mr. Frost died April 19, four days after celebrating 49 years of marriage. This photo was taken on their 48th wedding anniversary.**

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# Abe Frost especially cherished children and animals

**BY BILL GISEL**
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GARRETT — The experience of growing up in an orphanage left his brothers bitter, but for Richard "Abe" Frost it was an experience that gave focus to his life.

"He loved kids and thought that all children are special," said Rita Frost, Abe's wife and best friend of 49 years and four days. Mr. Frost died April 19 at his home on South Cowen Street in Garrett.

"He loved animals, too, and cherished life. He wouldn't kill a fly for anything," Mrs. Frost said. "If he had his way, there would be 150 trees in the yard, because he didn't want to pull up any trees that sprouted!"

The Frosts always wanted eight children, but had only four. They did, however, unofficially foster 12 other children over the years, and opened their home to two Japanese exchange students.

"We once had three kids, ages 2, 3 and 4, for six months," Mrs. Frost recalled. They lived "down the street" and their mother was unable to care for them. The Frosts tried to adopt, she said, but the mother wouldn't allow it.

"It about broke Abe's heart when they left," she said.

Mrs. Frost said she started dating Abe when she was 14, and married him when she was 17.

"I never had any other boyfriend," she said with no small amount of pride. "We were so close, we knew what each other was thinking, but we were a lot different, too."

She said Abe refused to argue, ever. Or with anyone.

"I loved to argue, however, and I tried my best to get him to argue with me, but he never would. He said people should never go to bed angry, and I guess we didn't. But I had some sleepless nights," she laughed.

Mrs. Frost said she could be judgmental, too. But not Abe.

"He always said God created all people, and God didn't create any junk," she said. "Abe could find the best in anyone, and that was all he could see, even in ex-in-laws."

Family was so important to her husband, Mrs. Frost said, that he went so far as to find other people to help mentor his kids while he worked 14-hour days in Fort Wayne.

"He didn't have time to play catch, but he would find someone else to do it," she explained. He would find a way to get to a ball game or a school function, however, no matter what.

In addition to the children, Abe and his wife surrounded themselves with animals. Abe once rescued a blind black squirrel, keeping it safely caged and fed for three years. The squirrel died of fright after a fire destroyed the upstairs of their home, she said, even though it had been rescued from the flames.

Abe at one time had 150 rabbits in the garage, which he would let out when he cleaned the garage.

"The kids in town loved it," she recalled. "It was like coming to a zoo." They also had skunks, raccoons, pigeons and chickens, including a rooster Abe called "retarded" because it would crow only at night.

This year on Easter Sunday, all of the Frost children, grandchildren, and the newest great-grandson came for a family gathering. It was a special day, Mrs. Frost said, something which she sees now as "God closing some doors" in preparation for what was to come.

"We are a family of hugs," Mrs. Frost said. "God was setting the stage."

On Tuesday after Easter, Abe went to bed early. He had lived with a heart condition since 1998, and had only one lung due to years of heavy smoking. ("He was hard on the kids who still smoke," Mrs. Frost said. She gave up the habit along with her husband.)

"We kissed each other good night, and we both said, 'I love you,'" she said. He died early in the morning on Wednesday.

Two days after her husband's funeral, Abe's Rottweiler dog died. The animal had a broken heart, and also cancer. Mrs. Frost had the animal cremated and will place its ashes on her husband's grave.

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## Mary Lois Gross

CHURUBUSCO — Mary Lois Gross, 94, a resident of Oak Pointe in Columbia City for the past three years, died Friday, May 5, 2006, in the emergency room of the Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Gross was born Feb. 29, 1912, in Smith Township, Whitley County, Ind., a daughter of Ira and L' Dora (Jackson) McGuire, both of whom are deceased. She was raised in Smith Township and was educated at Smith Center School, graduating from Churubusco High School in 1929.

She married Guy E. Gross on Nov. 3, 1929. He died June 23, 2003. They lived on the Gross family farm all their lives.

In addition to being a homemaker, Mrs. Gross was second vice president of the Indiana Farm Bureau and director of the Women's Department for 2 1/2 years. She was also chairman of the American Farm Bureau Women for 6 years. She was past chairman of the Country Women's Council, past president of the Farmers and World Affairs, Inc. and also the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash from both Gov. Bowen and Gov. Orr. She was a member of the state board of trustees of Ivy Tech and served on many state and national committees.

She was a 66-year member of the Smith Twp. Home Economics Club, a 50-year member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star, Sigma Eta Nu Chapter, charter member of the Woman's Cultural Club of Churubusco and a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church. She was a life member of the Associated Country Women of the World and was the 1980 Indiana Mother of the Year and Whitley County Senior Citizen Queen in 1982. She was a woman's advocate before her time.

Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Louise and Donald Barnhart of Fort Wayne, Mary Ann and Leonard Hazen of Churubusco and Connie Nestel-Teghtmeyer of Columbia City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Don E. and Marilyn Gross and Lynn and Joellen Gross, all of Churubusco; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert J. Gross; three sisters, Elizabeth Yarian, Katie McGuire and her twin sister, Fannie Fry; and two brothers, Joe McGuire and Clarence McGuire.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will follow in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Order of the Eastern Star services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church or the Order of the Eastern Star.

Condolences may be emailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Gladys Gift

AUBURN — Gladys M. Gift, 75, of Auburn died Friday, May 5, 2006, at 5:50 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett, where she had been a resident for two weeks.

Mrs. Gift worked in production at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 26 years, retiring in 1978. After her husband's death in 1983, she worked at Magnavox in Garrett for three years.

She was born Jan. 5, 1931, in Whitley County to Arly and Eva (Bosler) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married Allen L. Gift on July 31, 1948, in Butler. He died in October 1983.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Eleanor Smith of Garrett, and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Leah N. Johnson.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Seneta Maika of the Butler United Methodist Church will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

## Rosemary Clark

KENDALLVILLE— Rosemary Clark, 78, of Kendallville, died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at 7:30 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Nursing Healthcare. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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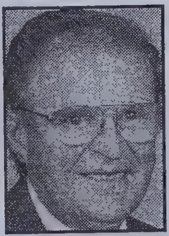
## Robert Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Butler, 74, of Kendallville died Sunday, May 7, 2006, at his rural Kendallville home.


Mr. Butler

Mr. Butler had been the chief product engineer and product manager of the S-Series truck for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He retired in 1989 after 34 years of service.

He graduated in 1950 from Kendallville High School and served in the Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War with the 928th Scarwolf Engineers in England.

Following his discharge, he graduated from Purdue University in 1959 with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

He had been an active board member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival for many years and was currently a member emeritus. He was a past president of the volunteers of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Mr. Butler was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and a past member of the Kendallville Lions Club.

He was born Feb. 1, 1932, in Kendallville to Herbert and Margaret (Baughman) Butler. They are deceased. He married Judith Ellen Shank on Sept. 19, 1959, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Patrick and Mary Sue Butler of Fishers and Timothy Butler of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Vince Buchanan of Leo; a brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Evelyn Butler of Kendallville; three half brothers and their wives, William and Ruby Leamon of Artesia, N.M., Thomas and Nancy Leamon of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and David and Linda Leamon of Kendallville; a half sister, Nancy Renkenberger of Kendallville; three grandsons, Ryan, Matthew and Nicholas Butler; and three granddaughters, Bryn, Haley and Chloe Buchanan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, the Bob Butler Memorial Fund of the ACD Festival, or in the form of a blood donation in his memory to the American Red Cross.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Beverly Renkenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly A. Renkenberger, 76, of Kendallville died Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

## James Walker

FORT WAYNE — James S. Walker, 81, of Fort Wayne died Friday, May 3, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Walker graduated from North Side High School and attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He began his business career with Wolf and Dessauer and eventually became its advertising manager. He then joined the ad agency of Wade, Lauer and Katt. He later formed the ad agency Nitecki, Smith and Walker.

Mr. Walker was a well-known Fort Wayne actor and had been nominated for eight Anthony Awards, winning three times. He had directed plays and wrote several original music reviews including the Anthony Night Reviews.

He was born Oct. 14, 1924, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Alice Gatton of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Louise Walker; a nephew and his wife, G. Richard and Judith Gatton; two nieces and their husbands, Judith and Dennis Werling and Kathy and Richard Burd; seven great-nephews and a great-niece.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John B. Walker Jr.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grace St. John United Church of Christ, Artlink, Cinema Center or First Presbyterian Theatre.

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## Dorothy Freeman

HAMILTON — Dorothy M. Freeman, 83, of Hamilton died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Freeman was a homemaker and worked alongside her husband on their family farm. She was a member of the Hamilton Homemaker Club. She and her husband enjoyed gardening, crafts, auctions and garage sales.

She was born Dec. 20, 1922, in Auburn to Bruce and Mary (Wolfe) Lower. They preceded her in death.

She married Donald E. Freeman on Jan. 11, 1941, in Auburn. He died Feb. 11, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Larry Alwood of Las Vegas, Nev., and Darlene and Doyle Marr of Butler; a sister, Alice Snyder of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Brian and Janine Alwood of Las Vegas, Faith and Robert Cannella of Las Vegas, Devan and Chad Kirkman of St. Joe and Denise Marr of Butler; and three great-grandchildren, Gideon Alwood, Blaize Alwood and Christian Cannella.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Glenn Lower; and three sisters, Beulah Hankey, Pauline Harmon and Martha Keller.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Auburn. The Rev. Barb Lloyd will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Animal Shelter.

## Ronald Walters

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Ronald Lewis Walters, 63, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Friday, May 5, 2006, after a battle with esophageal cancer.

Mr. Walters was born on March 11, 1943, in Ohio City, Ohio. He graduated from Van Wert High School in 1962. He retired from UniRoyal/Goodrich in 1994 and from Aeroquip/Eaton in New Haven on Jan. 7, 2000. In the fall of 2004, he moved to Fort Myers.

He was a member of McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers and attended Calvary Evangelical Church when in Van Wert.

Surviving are his wife, Connie (Bagley) Walters; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa Agler and Lori and Brent Agler, all of Van Wert; five grandchildren, Stephen Straman, Zackury Agler, Taylor Agler, Briana Agler and Mackenzie Agler; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard "Bucky" and Frankie Walters of Hamilton and Jerry and Bonnie Walters of West Liberty, Ohio; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn "Cookie" and Richard Brandt of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Velma (Shinnaberry) Walters; two sisters, Dorothy Hart and Marcia Manley; and a brother, William Carl "Bill" Walters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Cowan & Sons Funeral Home, Van Wert, with the Rev. Raymond E. Feeck officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the American Cancer Society for research of esophageal cancer.

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## Richard Moore

LAGRANGE — Richard Craig "Dick" Moore, 74, of LaGrange died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. He had suffered from esophageal cancer.

Mr. Moore was a semi truck driver, working most recently with Classic Carriers in Versailles, Ohio. He retired in 1998. He had worked for Sealed Power Corp. in LaGrange and Gateway Transportation Co. Prior to driving semis, he hauled milk and worked with his friend, the late Bill Pieratt of LaGrange.

He was raised in Burket, Mentone and Mishawka and was a 1950 graduate of Mishawaka High School.

He had lived in the LaGrange County the past 47 years.

Mr. Moore was a member of First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange where he served as a deacon. He was also a member of the Heron Creek Golf Club in LaGrange and a former member of the Teamsters and United Auto Workers.

He was a Democrat and a Chicago Cubs fan.

He was born Sept. 20, 1931, in Burket in Kosciusko County to John Ernest and Lois Margaret (Johnson) Moore. He was married to Martha Doyle Moore nearly 43 years. She died Dec. 13, 1997.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, John Thomas Moore of LaGrange, Mark Steven and the Rev. Ruth Moore of Carmel, and Dan Richard and Evelyn Moore of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Alice and John Hess of Mishawaka; five grandchildren, Hadley, Bryan, John, Rebecca and Emma Moore; and a dear friend, Mary Ann Kalka of Mishawaka.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society, 300 S. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN 46761 or the Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3509.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.

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## William Ward

FREMONT — William "Frank" Ward, 54, of Fremont died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Ward

Mr. Ward was born Feb. 17, 1952, in Boone, N.C. He was married to Dorothy Riddle, and she survives.

He was a locomotive engineer with Conrail for 20 years. He was a real estate broker and a general contractor and had also worked as an emergency medical technician, firefighter, farmer and truck driver.

He was a member of Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., and also attended the First Baptist Church in Bronson, Mich. He taught new Christian discipleship and third- and fourth-grade Sunday school classes. He enjoyed traveling and meeting new people.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah and Scot Burbank of Brea, Calif., and Alesa Ward of Fremont; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mack Ward and John and Nicole Hemmer of Atlanta; his mother and stepfather, Jewell and Clint Dunn of Mountain City, Tenn.; and four brothers, Joe Easter and Jim Easter, both of South Carolina, Ron Landers of Frontier, Mich., and DeWayne Landers of Mountain City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mack Dee Ward.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, Bronson, with the Revs. John A. Fields and Marshall Huddleston officiating. Burial will be in Mount Lawn Memorial Park & Garden Inc., Boone on Thursday with graveside services at 11 a.m.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont and also one hour before services at the church on Tuesday.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church, Bronson, or Cameron Home Health & Hospice, Angola.

## Rosemary Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Rosemary Clark, 78, of Kendallville died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Clark was a lifetime Kendallville resident.

She had worked at Uniform Printing, Universal Friction and Hoosier Grill.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Kendallville and the Kendallville Elks Lodge.

She was born Aug. 4, 1927, in Kendallville to Roy and Sadie (Mapes) Gillespie. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Rebecca Clark of Kendallville, and a son, Robert Clark of Cosperville.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 6-8 today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Memorials are to the family.

## Denny Croy

ANGOLA — Denny L. Croy, 57, of Angola died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

Mr. Croy

Mr. Croy was born May 15, 1948, in Garrett to Don and Corinne (Brown) Croy. He was a graduate of Angola High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He had been working in the construction business with his son-in-law. He worked with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for over 20 years and also owned the Tru-fire Gun Store in Flint. He managed the Sunset Inn on Crooked Lake for eight years and was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Surviving are his mother in Angola; his wife, Shar (Buse) Croy; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Don Croy of Fort Wayne, Mike and Lisa Brenner and Matt Brenner, all of Seattle, and Shayne Black of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Mandy Croy of DeKalb, Ill., and Tiffany and Scott Bruce of Fremont; two sisters, Dona Klause of Angola and Debbie Bickel of Belton, Texas; and four grandchildren, Dylan and Kalob Kvapil of DeKalb, Ill., Taylor Brenner of Seattle and Xavier Bruce of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his father on Sept. 3, 2004.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian E. Carston officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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## Beverly Renkenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly Ann Renkenberger, 76, of Kendallville died at 2 a.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Renkenberger lived in Kendallville 53 years and was raised in Topeka where she graduated from Topeka High School.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Renkenberger was a 48-year member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and a member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born Dec. 2, 1929, in Topeka to Dr. William R. and Lillian (Irey) Horn. She married Jack D. Renkenberger on May 9, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Melanie Renkenberger of Kendallville; a brother, James Horn of Topeka; two sisters, Martha Wyatt of Howe and Charlene Heintzelman of Cromwell; two grandchildren and their spouses, Adam and Tiffany Meyer of Fort Wayne and Sarah and Anthony Scheurich of Garrett; a great-grandchild, Akeisha Meyer; and a stepgreat-grandchild, April Meyer.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Horn and Charles Horn; and two sisters, Wilma Bently and Barbara Copel.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Jim Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Adam Meyer, Scott Vorndran, Jim Heintzelman, Jeff Heintzelman, Brad Wyatt and Tim Wyatt.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Robert Butler

KENDALLVILLE — The location of the funeral service for Robert Butler, 74, of Kendallville has changed.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, not at Trinity Church United Methodist.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mr. Butler died Sunday, May 7, 2006, at his home on Schoolhouse Road.

## Daniel Miller

AUBURN — Daniel D. Miller, 47, of Auburn and formerly of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Vanatta Northside Church of Christ and attended the Amity Apple Valley Baptist Church.

He was born Oct. 11, 1958, in Huntington, W. Va., to William and Iline (Harper) Miller. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Leslie (Vance) Miller; four sons, Daniel E. Miller of Mount Vernon, and Jarvis Miller, Eric Miller and Andrew Miller, all of Auburn; a daughter, Sabrina Miller of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Marge Cizgans of Yuba City, Calif., and Bob and Karen Miller of Plainfield, Conn.; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ethel Rivero of Newark, Ohio, Jeanie Jones of Scottsdale, Ariz., Connie and Ernie Tarbox of Gray, Tenn., and Deborah and David Phillips of Mount Vernon; and three nephews, Robert Blackstone, Dana Phillips and Jim Phillips.

He was preceded in death by a nephew, Robbie Hager.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn.

Funeral services have taken place in Mount Vernon and burial was in Forest Cemetery at Fredericktown, Ohio.

Memorials are to the family.

Flowers-Snyder Funeral Home of Mount Vernon was in charge of arrangements. A guest registry may be found at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

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## Frederic Morrison

FORT WAYNE — Frederic Eugene Morrison, 28, of Fort Wayne died Monday, May 8, 2006, at Canterbury Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Angola on July 14, 1977.

Surviving are his mother, Susan (White) Demorest of Angola; two sisters, Tonnia Morrison of Fort Wayne and Virginia Morrison of Angola; three nephews, Miguel Santoyo, Jose Santoyo and Maximino Arellano, all of Fort Wayne; and two nieces, Vanessa Morrison of Angola and Mikeyla Arellano of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frederic L. Morrison.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

## Vincent Musselman

FORT WAYNE — Vincent Jacob Ryan Musselman died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was the infant son of Kelby and Zonda (Vaughan) Musselman of Fort Wayne. They survive.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Chuck and Sharon Vaughan, Jerry and Sue Ferris and Jack Musselman.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe, with Merle Holden officiating.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

## Paula Randall

PORTLAND, Ore. — Paula Wesley (Park) Randall, 72, of Portland and formerly of Kendallville died Thursday, March 2, 2006.

Mrs. Randall had been a teacher of preschool age children and learning disabled students in Portland for more than 30 years. She taught at Catlin Gabel School's "Beehive" preschool from 1969-1982. She then became an expert tutor for learning disabled middle and high school students at Catlin Gabel from 1982-2001.

She received a bachelor's degree from Sarah Lawrence College in 1956.

Mrs. Randall was born June 21, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Pauline (Bowerfind) Park. Her father served as president of Flint & Walling in Kendallville for a period of time and the family resided at 318 S. State St. for about 20 years.

She married Judson Randall in 1969 and moved to Portland.

Surviving are a son, Theodore; a sister, Elizabeth Hoban of Lake Bluff, Ill.; and two nephews, Charles Hoband of Newton Highlands, Mass., and Anthony Hoband of Winnetka, Ill.

Memorials are to Thomas Edison High School, 9020 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, Portland, OR 97225.

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## Mary Wolf

PLEASANT LAKE — Mary M. Wolf, 85, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, May 7, 2006, in Riverside, Calif.

Mrs. Wolf was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 2, 1920, to Ed and Edith (Rudmiller) Blust. She married Lewis E. Wolf in Fort Wayne on Nov. 10, 1937, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Richard Wolf of Fort Wayne, James Wolf of Riverside and Don Wolf of Angola; two daughters, Barbara Odell of Riverside and Betty Penner of Fremont; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Zion Cemetery, with the Rev. Jeff Stedge officiating.

There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangments.

Condolences can be e-mailed to www.johnsonfh.net.

## Gerald Howell

ANGOLA — Gerald E. Howell, 52, of Angola died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in Angola.

Mr. Howell was born Jan. 20, 1954, in Toledo, Ohio. He was married to Deborah Malinowski, and she survives.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

## Cleetus Sanders

ANGOLA — Cleetus Sanders of Angola died Tuesday, May 9, 2006.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

## Christina Hilker

HUNTERTOWN — Christina D. "Chrisdy" Kuemmel Hilker, 36, of Huntertown died Monday, May 8, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Hilker was the secretary of the American Legion Riders of District 4.

She will be remembered as a devoted wife and mother who loved life, motorcycle riding and was a friend to all.

She was born Dec. 20, 1969, in Sandusky, Ohio.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Marty and Rick Coburn of Ligonier; her father, Tom Kuemmel of Syracuse; her husband, Eric F. Spade; four sons, Erin Burchett of Warsaw and Hayden Hilker, Joseph Hilker and Nicholas Hilker, all at home; two sisters, Celynda Ratliff of Goshen and Cindy Kruetzer of Auburn, Ala.; a brother, Tommy Kuemmel of Ligonier; and her grandmother, Ro Alice James of Ligonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Chrisdy D. Hilker Memorial Fund care of National City Bank.

## Kathryn Emrich

HUNTERTOWN — Kathryn M. Emrich, 92, of Huntertown died Monday, May 8, 2006, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Emrich was a homemaker and had worked in the cafeteria at Huntertown School and at L.S. Ayres department store in downtown Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Churubusco Chapter 136 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Feb. 27, 1914, in LaOtto to Murvin C. and Maude B. (Drake) Freeman. She married Clifford Emrich on Feb. 1, 1936, in Pierceton. He died Oct. 15, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and John Pendergast of Freeland, Wash.; a son and daughter-in-law, James A. and Karen Emrich of Huntertown; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Vuirl Christensen and Margaret Dewitt, and two brothers, Rax Freeman and Don Freeman.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Sherri Long and Max Smith officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m., and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Inc.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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## Christine Souder

ANDREWS, N.C. — Christine D. (Hart) Souder, 54, of Andrews, N.C., and formerly of Angola died Monday, May 8, 2006, in Murphy Medical Center, Murphy, N.C., following a one-year illness.

Mrs. Souder was an Angola resident for most of her adult life and had moved to North Carolina seven years ago.

She was a 1969 graduate of Angola High School and a graduate of the Purdue University School of Nursing. She was a Reike Master and a certified reflexologist.

She was born July 27, 1951, in Bryan, Ohio, to Margurette M. (McDaniel) and William J. Hart. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. Jack Souder; a daughter, Robin F. Snidle of Garrett; two stepsons, Jeff Souder and Monte Souder, both of Andrews; a stepdaughter, Rene Salinas of Denton, Texas; two grandchildren, Anastasia Wilkinson and Nikolas Wilkinson, both of Garrett; seven stepgrandchildren, Travis, Cory and Holly Salinas, Samantha, Felicity and Orlando Souder and Ravyn Beckner; and three brothers, William Hart of Angola, John Hart of San Ramon, Costa Rica, and Richard Hart of Pacific, Wash.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Trudy Hart, in 1946; and a stepgrandson, Jeff Souder.

Graveside memorial services will be Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, 335 Empire St., Montpelier, is in charge of arrangements.

## David Black

BUTLER — David S. Black, 70, of Butler died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Black was a self-employed painter and also worked in the maintenance department at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 10 years, retiring in 1994.

He was born in Ashland, Ky., to William and Sophie (Price) Black. They preceded him in death.

He married Connie Nutter on Oct. 29, 1966, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Keith Allen Black of Butler; a daughter, Rebecca Ann Black of Huntington; two brothers, Bill Black of Dayton, Ohio, and Henry Hubert Black of Butler; and three sisters, Clara Gillium of Ashland, Ky., Kitty Enteman of Bryan, Ohio, and Mildred Ward of Pikeville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Cosby Conley; and three brothers, Ira, James and Robert Black.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Robert Crowl

SPENCERVILLE — Robert A. Crowl, 81, died Monday evening, May 8, 2006, at Harborside Nursing Home in New Haven.

Mr. Crowl worked for 28 years as an inspector at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne, retiring on Feb. 1, 1984. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking.

**Mr. Crowl**

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Eagles 309. He belonged to Fort Wayne's American Legion Post 47 and was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born Nov. 22, 1924, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Claron Carl and Ruth Helen (Spencer) Crowl. They preceded him in death.

He married Josephine A. Chapman on April 13, 1946, in Newport, Ky. They celebrated 60 years of marriage this year. She survives in New Haven.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert A. and Susan Crowl of Fort Wayne and Joe E. Crowl of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Laverne and Joe Jankovich of Eagle River, Wis.

He was preceded in death by brothers and sisters.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Entombment with military services will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway West Drive, Suite 114, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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## Julia Hulbert

SHIPSHEWANA — Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Keightley Cemetery near Shipshewana for Julia Margaret Hulbert.

Mrs. Hulbert died Dec. 24, 2005, in Fort Myers, Fla., where she had lived since her husband's death in 1988.

She and her husband, Shipshewana native John Hulbert Jr., had lived in Columbus, Ohio, Grand Island, N.Y., and Highland, Mich.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

## Mary Nusbaum

RHINEBECK, N.Y. — Mary Julia Nusbaum, 88, died Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at The Baptist Home in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

Mrs. Nusbaum was a former resident of Red Hook, N.Y., and South Bend and Warsaw in Indiana. She had been employed at Crane Edmund Corp. in Butler in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Born May 1, 1917, in South Bend, she was the daughter of Joseph and Julia Czigler Nemeth.

Surviving are a son, Joseph, and a daughter-in-law, Lisa Baldwin, of West Hurley, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Amelia, Adam, Joseph and Sara Nusbaum and Angie Winter; a great-granddaughter; and a sister, Elizabeth McCavitt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph W. Nusbaum; and a daughter, Jean Louis Smith, who died in 1991.

Private services were arranged by the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home of Rhinebeck, N.Y.

Memorials are to Kingston Vinyard Church, 119 Barbarosa Lane, Kingston, N.Y. 12401.

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## June Wentworth, 85

HOWE – June Wentworth, 85, of Howe died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

A LaGrange County native, she had moved back to the area in 1947 from Mishawaka.

She was a homemaker and worked in the family business, Wentworth Electronics.

Mrs. Wentworth was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church and its K.R. Circle.

She was also a member of Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star and the Riverside Home Economics Club.

She was born June 5, 1920, in Greenfield Township, LaGrange County, to the late Russell and Ethel (Fennell) Blasius. She married John A. "Jack" Wentworth. He died July 12, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ronald and Judy Wentworth of Kimmell, Dale Wentworth of Howe and Myron and Kathie Wentworth of Butler; a brother, John Blasius of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Annadell Norton of Sturgis; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Blasius and George Blasius, and a sister, Moreta Ritter.

Services were held Monday, May 8, 2006, at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with Pastor Dan Engber officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Rosemary Clark, 78

KENDALLVILLE – Rosemary Clark, age 78, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 6, 2006.

Mrs. Clark was born Aug. 4, 1927, in Kendallville to Roy and Sadie (Mapes) Gillespie. She was a lifetime resident of Kendallville.

Rosemary worked at Uniform Printing, Universal Friction, and Hoosier Grill.

Mrs. Clark was a member of Assembly of God Church in Kendallville and the Kendallville Elks.

Also surviving are a daughter, Rebecca Clark of Kendallville; and a son, Robert Clark of Cosperville.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services were Tues., May 9, 2006 at the Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials to the family.

## David Boyd, 68

ALBION – David E. Boyd, 68, of Albion, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was head sawyer for Jorg & McDonald, Ligonier, for 19 years and worked for Essex Wire.

He was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and the Aero & Machinist Union. He enjoyed the guitar, camping, fishing and his grandson.

Mr. Boyd was born Feb. 21, 1938, in Wawaka, to Kenneth and Elizabeth (Franks) Boyd.

On March 2, 1959, he married Mary Smith in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Scott Parr of Auburn; his mother, of Kendallville; a grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn; a sister, Sharon Smith of Albion; and four brothers, Gerald Boyd of Goshen, Roger Boyd of Kendallville, Edward Boyd of Springfield, Ohio, and Ken Boyd Jr. of Wolf Lake.

His father preceded him in death.

Services were held Monday, May 8, 2006, at the Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel, the Rev. David Kushman officiating. Burial was at Merriam Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1909 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

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# Joseph Parker, 72

KENDALLVILLE – Joseph L. Parker, 72, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 24, 1933 in Kendallville to the late Washington Cook and Florence (Stevenson) Parker. Mr. Parker graduated from Kendallville High School in 1952. He married Madelynne M. Martz on June 4, 1976. She survives.

Mr. Parker and his wife, Madelynne, had owned and operated Joseph L. Parker Auctioneers for more than 30 years. He also served in the LaGrange County Reassessment Office and as Noble County Assessor for eight years. In the past, he was a supervisor at Mahoney Foundry and Newnam Foundry where he had worked for 20 years.

Mr. Parker was one of the founding members of the executive committee of the Apple Festival of Kendallville volunteering his time and efforts for more than 20 years. He particularly loved the buck skinners and primitive areas at the festival and was known as "Buckeye Joe."

He also loved collecting antiques and automobile restoration. His farovite cars were his 1964 Devon, Mopar, the J-Car, and the Auburn-Cord Duensenburgs. He was an avid I.U. fan and had a gusto and enthusiam for life. He was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by a son, Bill Parker of Kendallville; a daughter, Teresa Ade and her companion, Snowden Edmundson, of Sturgis, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Nancy and Verlin Lung of Kendallville and Kay and Greg Snapp of El Paso, Texas; a stepson and his wife, Tom and Kathy Kemerly of Nashville, Ind.; 15 grandchildren, Isaac Fox, Ashley Holliday, Jarod Parker, Margie Parker, Isaah Parker, LeighAnn Parker, Stephen Ade, Nicole Ade, Amanda Edmundson, Gregory Lung, Geoffrey Lung, Todd Snapp, Lori Limas, Troy Kemerly and Hayden Kemerly; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Jean Cart and Mary Lou Dafforn.

Services were held Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Apple Festival of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

# Leila Gillespie, 86

ALBION – Leila V. Gillespie, 86, of rural Albion died Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City following a long illness.

Mrs. Gillespie had lived in Noble County most of her life. She had lived at her present address for 56 years.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Gillespie was born Feb. 9, 1920, in South Bend to the late Burnell and Ruth (Kuhns) Campbell. She married John V. Gillespie on May 6, 1942, in Knox. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Vern and Peggy Gillespie of Wolf Lake; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jim Clevenger in 1994; a daughter, Joyce Meredith in 2005; a brother, Joe Campbell; and three sisters, Ruth Gerke, Beulah Wilson and Liz Marvel.

Following Mrs. Gillespie's wishes, there will be no services or calling.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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# Mary Lois Gross, 94

Mary Lois Gross, age 94, a resident of Oak Pointe in Columbia City for the past three years died Friday evening, May 5, 2006 in the emergency room of the parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, Indiana.

Mary was born February 29, 1912 in Smith Twp. Whitley County, Indiana, a daughter of Ira and L'Dora (Jackson) McGuire, both are deceased. She was raised in Smith Twp. and was educated in the Smith Center School, graduating from Churubusco High School in 1929. She was married to Guy E. Gross, November 3, 1929. They lived on the Gross farm all their lives.

In addition to being a homemaker, Mrs. gross was 2nd Vice President of the Indiana Farm Bureau, and director of the Women's Department for 2 1/2 years. She was also chairman of the American Farm Bureau Women for 6 years. She was past Chairman of the Country Women's Council, past President of the Farmers and World Affairs, Inc. and was also the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash for both Governor Bowen and Governor Orr. She was a member of the State Board of Trustee of I V Tech and served on many state and national committees. She was a 66 year member of Smith Twp. Home Economics Club, a 50 year member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star, Sigma Eta Nu Chapter, Charter member of the Woman's Cultural Club of Churubusco and a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, a life member of the Associated Country Women of the World, and was the 1980 Indiana Mother of the Year and Whitley County Senior Citizen Queen in 1982. She was a woman's advocate before her time.

Survivors include her children, three daughters, Louise (Donald) Barnhart of Fort Wayne, Mary Ann (Leonard) Hazen of Churubusco, and Connie Nestel-Teghtmeyer of Columbia City; two sons, Don E. (Marilyn) Gross and Lynn (Joellen) Gross of Churubusco; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceeded in death by her husband guy; June 23, 2003, a son Robert J. Gross; three sisters, Elizabeth Yarian, Katie McGuire and her twin sister Fannie Fry; two brothers, Joe McGuire and Clarence McGuire.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 10, 2006 in the Churubusco United Methodist Church Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiated. Burial was in the Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church or the Order of the Eastern Star.

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# Robert Butler, 74

KENDALLVILLE – Robert Butler, age 74, of Kendallville died Sunday, May 7, 2006.

Mr. Butler was born Feb. 1, 1932, in Kendallville to Herbert and Margaret (Baughman) Butler. He was married to Judith Ellen Shank on Sept. 19, 1959, at Trinity Church in Kendallville. She survives.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1950 and entered the united States Army in 1952-1954 serving his country during the Korean War with the 928th Scarwolf Engineers in England. He was discharged from the service and graduated from Purdue University in 1959 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

Mr. Butler was the Chief Product Engineer and Product manager of the S-Series Truck for International Harvester in Fort wayne and Springfield, Ohio. He retired in 1989 after 34 years.

Bob was a past president of the volunteers of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Musuem. He was also an active A-C-D-Festival board member for many years and was currently member emeritus. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and past member of the Kendallville Lions Club.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Patrick (Mary Sue) Butler of Fishers, IN and Timothy Butler of Rome City; one daughter and son-in-law, Annette (Vince) Buchanan of Leo, IN; a brother, Ted (Evelyn) Butler of Kendallville; three half brothers, William (Ruby) Leamon of Artesia, NM, Thomas (Nancy) Leamon of Grand Rapids, MI, and David (Linda) Leamon of Kendallville; a half sister, Nancy Renkenberger of Kendallville; three grandsons, Ryan, Matthew and Nicholas Butler; three granddaughters, Bryn, Haley and Chloe Buchanan

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were Wed., May 10, 2006 at Trinity Church in Kendallville, Pastor Scott Pattison officated. Burial in Lake Ciew Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, the Bob Butler Memorial Fund of the A-C-D Festival, or in the from of a blood donation in memory of Bob to the American Red Cross..

Condolences can be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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# Ellsworth C. Peterson, 92

LIGONIER - Ellsworth C. Peterson, 92, of Ligonier died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Avalon Nursing Home in Ligonier.

A native of Noble County, he spent his life as a farmer, owner of Peterson Insurance Agency and public servant.

Mr. Peterson served in the Indiana House of Representatives for 14 years, first from 1959-1964 and again from 1967-1974. Two of those years were spent as chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee and four years on the state Budge Committee. He sponsored the appropriations bill for the creation of Chain O' Lakes State Park and saved the stoplight in downtown Ligonier from being removed.

He was a township trustee from 1951-1958 and one of the original stockholders of the Noble County Fair Board. He served as president of the Indiana Township Trustee's Association and as chairman of the Noble County Farm Bureau.

He served on the national board of Investors Trust and in 1976 was appointed by then Gov. Otis Bowen to serve as general manager of the Indiana Toll Road. In September 1978, he was appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.

Mr. Peterson received two Sagamore of the Wabash Awards, one from former Gov. Bowen and the other from former Gov. Robert Orr.

He retired in 1981 after having served under five governors.

Mr. Peterson was an active member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, 50-year member of the Ligonier Lions Club and had been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Peterson was born March 1, 1914, in Noble County to the late Henry and Mable Ruth Peterson. He married Kathryn Yoder in 1939. She preceded him in death. In 1991 he married Elizabeth McDonald. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Nancy Peterson of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Hull of Syracuse and Barbara and Bob Hinkle of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Kathryn and Frank Schlotterback of Albion; a stepdaughter, Barbara Lough of Albion; two stepsons and the wives, Martin and Gloria McDonald and Frank and Kristi McDonald, all of Ligonier; a brother-in-law and his wife, Robert and Mary Yoder of Topeka; a niece, Ruth Ann Richards of Topeka; three nephews and their wives, Bill and Mimi Peterson of Texas, and Dennis and Becky Yoder and Bob and Grace Yoder, all of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; 18 stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda DeBolt; a sister, Helen Ream; a brother, Ernest Ray Peterson; a brother-in-law, Forrest Ream; and a sister-in-law, Janet Peterson.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, Ligonier Lions Club or the Ligonier Masonic Lodge.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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## Rachel Foltz

LAGRANGE — Rachel A. Foltz, 88, of LaGrange and formerly of Shipshewana died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Foltz was a homemaker and retired from Ivers-Lee in Shipshewana.

She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County.

Mrs. Foltz was born Dec. 8, 1917, in LaGrange County to Clayton and Sadie (Sidener) Wenger. She married Roy Foltz on June 6, 1956, in Howe. He died Oct. 27, 1987.

Surviving are three nieces, Patricia Litke of LaGrange, Marcia Huber of Sturgis, Mich., and Joan Klopfenstien of Howe; and three nephews, Clayton Wenger of Olathe, Kan., James Wenger of Grand Haven, Mich., and Carmon Wenger of Syracuse.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; six brothers, Richard, Russell, Raymond, Roscoe, Roderick and Robert Wenger; and two nephews, Dean and Fred Wenger.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or to multiple sclerosis.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Alice Henry

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Alice Hall Henry, 98, of Savannah died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at Azalealand Nursing Home.

Mrs. Henry and her husband, John, owned and operated Henry's Jewelry Store in Ligonier for 38 years.

She retired with her husband to Florida where he died in 1974. She later moved to Georgia.

Mrs. Henry graduated from International Business College.

She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, a past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and past adviser to the Rainbow Girls.

She was born March 1, 1908, in LaGrange County to Harold and Charity (Austin) Hall. She married John W. Henry on March 12, 1933.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley Henry Oldham of Savannah; two grandchildren, Lesley Reser of Indianapolis and David L. Nelson of Seattle, Wash.; and three grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Dr. John W. Oldham.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in South Milford Cemetery.

Gamble Funeral Service, Savannah, is in charge of arrangements.

## Kevin Hutchings

GOSHEN — Kevin Leon Hutchings, 49, of Goshen died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Hutchings

Mr. Hutchings was a lifetime area resident and a 1975 graduate of West Noble High School.

He had been employed by Reese Hitches.

Mr. Hutchings served four years in the U.S. Army.

He attended Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 29, 1956, in LaGrange to Leon and Margaret (Keiser) Hutchings. His mother survives in Ligonier and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Rick and Bonnie DeBolt of Wawaka, Richard and Barbara DeBolt of Syracuse, Ronald DeBolt of Sparks, Nev., Roger and Marna DeBolt of Ligonier and Steven and Judy Hutchings of Urbana, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Estella and David Spradlin of Mason, Ohio, and Shirley and Ronnie Swartz of Ligonier; and 19 nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert DeBolt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church.

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## Gerald Howell

ANGOLA — Gerald E. Howell, 52, of Angola died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Howell was born Jan. 20, 1954, in Toledo, Ohio, to Harold and Donna Jean (DuVall) Howell. He was married to Deborah Malinowski on June 29, 1974, and she survives.

He worked at the Wendy's restaurant in Angola. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid "Star Trek" fan.

Also surviving are his mother in Toledo; a son, Aaron Howell, serving in the U.S. Navy and stationed in California; a daughter, Rachel Howell and her fiance, Dustin Adams, both of Angola; two brothers, Randy Howell of Toledo and Ron Howell of Michigan; a sister, Peggy Cleveland of Byron, Ga.; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Diane and Terry Smith of Manitou Beach, Mich., and Dee Dee and Terry Keith of Clinton, Mich.; and two brothers-in-law and their wives, Danny and Jackie Malinowski of Tecumseh, Mich., and Dennis and Margie Malinowski of Anna Maria, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Howell, on July 4, 1993; and by his father.

Services will be May 27 at the home of Rachel Howell and Dustin Adams.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family, care of Deborah Howell.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangments.

## Anna Moll

DENVER, Colo. — Anna K. Spurgeon Moll, 78, of Denver died Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

Mrs. Moll had lived in Los Angeles, Calif., for 40 years where she retired as personnel director for the Bay Shores Medical Group.

She was born Aug. 6, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Frederick and Mildred Spurgeon.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Glenn Grove; a son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Sheri Moll; and three grandchildren, Karie Grove, Kenneth Grove and Ian Moll.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Merrill Wilson

STEWARTSTOWN, Pa. — Merrill H. Wilson, 93, of Stewartstown, Pa., died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at ManorCare South in York, Pa.

Mr. Wilson was born Sept. 8, 1912, in Angola to Glen and Bertha (McNair) Wilson. He was married for 69 years to Martha H. Seehawer, and she preceded him in death.

He was a field and design engineer in the radio communication industry, specializing in railroad communication, for over 40 years. He was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church and Gideons International, enjoyed reading and was a talented trumpet player as a young man.

Surviving are a daughter, Janean L. Gernert of Greensburg, Pa.; three sons, Dwight L. Wilson of The Villages, Fla., Ronald L. Wilson of Parkville, Md., and Larry W. Wilson of Stewartstown; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Baptist Church, Stewartstown, with Mr. Wilson's son, the Rev. Larry W. Wilson, officiating. Burial and graveside services will be Monday at Scottdale Cemetery, Scottdale, Pa.

Calling will be Friday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.

J.J. Hartenstein Mortuary, Stewartstown, is in charge of arrangements.

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## Cleetus Sanders

ANGOLA — Cleetus Wayne Sanders, 75, of Angola died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at Coldwater Lake, Mich.

Mr. Sanders was born Oct. 25, 1930, in DeKalb County to Kenneth and Elva (Little) Sanders. He married Mary Jane Sparks on Nov. 16, 1952, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and served in the Korean War. He had worked for Amerigas Propane Co., retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

He belonged to the Ashley Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed golfing and was a member of the Iyopawa Island Golf Club in Coldwater. He also enjoyed fishing, woodworking and spending winters in Florida.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and Kevin Hughes of Kendallville and Nancy and Jeffrey Wright of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Mark Sanders and Cameron Wright; four brothers, Oscar Sanders of Orland, Rolland Sanders of Hammond and Maynard Sanders of Ashley; and three sisters, Anna Mae Platt of Hudson, Phyllis Drozda of Grant Park, Ill., and Sharon Graham of Pleasant Lake.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurance Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with graveside services conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., with Masonic services conducted by members of the Ashley Masonic Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Cahoots Coffee Cafe in Angola or the American Heart Association.

ADVANCE LEADER
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# 'Pete' remembered as a friend to all

BY BOB BUTTGEN

LIGONIER — The lines were long and the feelings strong and true as the community paid its last respects to Ellsworth "Pete" Peterson this week.

The well-known civic leader died last Thursday, and his funeral was held Monday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, following visitation on Sunday.

Family members and friends across the state acknowledged the passing of "Pete," who served his community in the fields of government, business and community service for dozens and dozens of years.

Peterson, 92, represented Noble County in the Indiana General Assembly as a state representative from 1959-64 and 1967-74 — a total of 14 years — and had been honored by numerous politicians.

Peterson had been in failing health for the past several weeks and a resident at the Avalon Village nursing home for several months.

The lifelong resident of Ligonier was a friend to many, and among his past honors was twice being awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

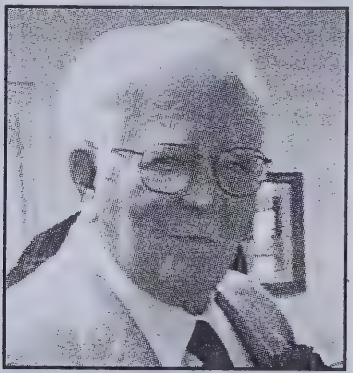
Among those giving tribute to the Ligonier legend was former Indiana Gov. Otis "Doc" Bowen.

"I was so sorry to hear of Pete's passing," Gov. Bowen said, on Friday, of his friend.

"We always called him Pete, and I didn't even know his first name was Ellsworth for many years. He was not only an excellent legislator but a close and dear friend, and I am truly saddened at the news of his death," he added.

Peterson had owned and operated a Noble County insurance agency for many years before entering politics and being elected to represent Noble County in the Indiana Statehouse.

In March of 2004, Peterson celebrated his 90th birthday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, where he was a member for most of his life. Gov. Bowen was among those in attendance at that party.



**Ellsworth "Pete" Peterson**

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## Beverly Renkenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Beverly Ann Renkenberger, 76, of Kendallville died at 2 a.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Renkenberger lived in Kendallville 53 years and was raised in Topeka where she graduated from Topeka High School.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Renkenberger was a 48-year member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and a member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born Dec. 2, 1929, in Topeka to Dr. William R. and Lillian (Irey) Horn. She married Jack D. Renkenberger on May 9, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Melanie Renkenberger of Kendallville; a brother, James Horn of Topeka; two sisters, Martha Wyatt of Howe and Charlene Heintzelman of Cromwell; two grandchildren and their spouses, Adam and Tiffany Meyer of Fort Wayne and Sarah and Anthony Scheurich of Garrett; a great-grandchild, Akeisha Meyer; and a stepgreat-grandchild, April Meyer.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Horn and Charles Horn; and two sisters, Wilma Bently and Barbara Copel.

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## Services were Monday for Ellsworth Peterson

LIGONIER — Ellsworth C. Peterson, 92, of Ligonier died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Avalon Nursing Home in Ligonier.

A native of Noble County, he spent his life as a farmer, owner of Peterson Insurance Agency and public servant.

Mr. Peterson served in the Indiana House of Representatives for 14 years, first from 1959-1964 and again from 1967-1974. Two of those years were spent as chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee and four years on the state Budge Committee. He sponsored the appropriations bill for the creation of Chain O' Lakes State Park and saved the stoplight in downtown Ligonier from being removed.

Mr. Peterson

He was a township trustee from 1951-1958 and one of the original stockholders of the Noble County Fair Board. He served as president of the Indiana Township Trustee's Association and as chairman of the Noble County Farm Bureau.

He served on the national board of Investors Trust and in 1976 was appointed by then Gov. Otis Bowen to serve as general manager of the Indiana Toll Road. In September 1978, he was appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.

Mr. Peterson received two Sagamore of the Wabash Awards, one from former Gov. Bowen and the other from former Gov. Robert Orr.

He retired in 1981 after having served under five governors.

Mr. Peterson was an active member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, 50-year member of the Ligonier Lions Club and had been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Peterson was born March 1, 1914, in Noble County to the late Henry and Mable Ruth Peterson. He married Kathryn Yoder in 1939. She preceded him in death. In 1991 he married Elizabeth McDonald. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Nancy Peterson of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Hull of Syracuse and Barbara and Bob Hinkle of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Kathryn and Frank Schlotterback of Albion; a stepdaughter, Barbara Lough of Albion; two stepsons and the wives, Martin and Gloria McDonald and Frank and Kristi McDonald, all of Ligonier; a brother-in-law and his wife, Robert and Mary Yoder of Topeka; a niece, Ruth Ann Richards of Topeka; three nephews and their wives, Bill and Mimi Peterson of Texas, and Dennis and Becky Yoder and Bob and Grace Yoder, all of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; 18 stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda DeBolt; a sister, Helen Ream; a brother, Ernest Ray Peterson; a brother-in-law, Forrest Ream; and a sister-in-law, Janet Peterson.

Services were Monday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Sunday at the church with a Masonic service held at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, Ligonier Lions Club or the Ligonier Masonic Lodge.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

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May 11, 2006, Thursday

## Catherine Leamon

SYRACUSE — Catherine Elizabeth Leamon, 81, of Syracuse and formerly of Cromwell, died Friday, May 5, 2006 at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

She had retired as a cook after 24 years at the West Noble School Corp. and she had worked at the former Wirk Garment factory in Ligonier.

Mrs. Leamon

She was born Aug. 1, 1924, in Cromwell to Ernest and Luella (Clayton) Calbeck.

On Oct. 16, 1945, in Millersburg, she married Lloyd (Dago) Leamon.

She was a member of the Cromwell United Methodist Church and the Lydia Circle. She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Cromwell Alumni Association, Cromwell Cloud Chasers, Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, 101 Club, AARP National and the Golden Girls. She enjoyed cooking, playing cards and bingo, IU basketball and Cubs baseball. She also enjoyed being with family and friends.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Leamon of Cromwell, Joseph Leamon of Jacksonville, Fla., and Sherman and Juliet Leamon of Syracuse; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia and Leemon Ward of Dunkirk, Mellissa Leamon of Cromwell, and Beverly and James Moseman of DeWart Lake; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Ed Koher of Goshen; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1995; her parents; one son, Martin Leamon; two sisters, Ellabelle Robbins and Barbara Brandt; and one granddaughter, Laura Leamon.

Services were. Tuesday at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with the Revs. Richard Lyth and Tim Terrell officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling was Monday at the funeral home, where an Eastern Star service was held at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to the Sparta Township Fire Department.

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## David Boyd

ALBION — David E. Boyd, 68, of Albion, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was head sawyer for Jorg & McDonald, Ligonier, for 19 years and worked for Essex Wire.

He was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church and the Aero & Machinist Union. He enjoyed the guitar, camping, fishing and his grandson.

Mr. Boyd was born Feb. 21, 1938, in Wawaka, to Kenneth and Elizabeth (Franks) Boyd.

On March 2, 1959, he married Mary Smith in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Scott Parr of Auburn; his mother, of Kendallville; a grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn; a sister, Sharon Smith of Albion; and four brothers, Gerald Boyd of Goshen, Roger Boyd of Kendallville, Edward Boyd of Springfield, Ohio, and Ken Boyd Jr. of Wolf Lake.

His father preceded him in death.

Services were Monday at the Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel, the Rev. David Kushman officiating. Burial was at Merriam Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1909 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

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## Jasper Mullins Sr.

ALBION — Jasper Mullins Sr., 71, of Albion died at 11:50 a.m. Thursday, May 11, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital, where he had been a patient three days.

Mr. Mullins

Mr. Mullins moved to Noble County from Muncie in 1962. He was raised in Darb Fort, Ky.

He had retired in April 2000 from Tenneco Automotive in Ligonier.

Mr. Mullins was born Feb. 16, 1934, in Darb Fork, Ky., to Elige and Lula (Miller) Mullins. He married Dora Fuller on Aug. 5, 1952, in Hindman, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jasper Jr. and Tracy Mullins of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol S. and Loren Biggs of LaGrange; a brother, Mark Mullins of Virginia; a sister, Ida B. Clark of North Carolina; six grandchildren, Crystal Lewis, Diane Mullins, Merinda Mullins, Sasha Mullins, Gabrielle Mullins and Todd Buckland; and five great-grandchildren, Anthony Buckland, Kendra Woodworth, Shelby Lewis, Jessie Lewis and David Neil.

He was preceded in death by four brothers; three sisters; and one grandchild.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, (formerly Hutchins Funeral Home) Wolcottville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Snowden Wells

SPENCERVILLE — Snowden L. "Coke" Wells, 71, of Spencerville died Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the retired owner of Snowden Wells Masonry Inc. and a member of Promise Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia A. Wells of Spencerville; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Eva Wells of Leo-Cedarville; three daughters and their husbands, Deborah and Joe France of Fort Wayne, Kathleen and Kevin Dullaghan of Spencerville and Jennifer and Mike Fritz of Leo-Cedarville; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harold and Charles; and two sisters, Marjorie Seitz and Linda Ladig.

Preceding him in death were his parents, George and Ruby Wells Sr.; and three brothers, George Jr., Gene and Lawrence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Promise Lutheran Church, 7323 Schwartz Road. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization or Promise Lutheran Church.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

## Cleetus Sanders

ANGOLA — Cleetus Wayne Sanders, 75, of Angola died Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at Coldwater Lake, Mich.

Mr. Sanders was born Oct. 25, 1930, in DeKalb County to Kenneth and Elva (Little) Sanders. He married Mary Jane Sparks on Nov. 16, 1952, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. He had worked for Amerigas Propane Co., retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

He belonged to the Ashley Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed golfing and was a member of the Iyopawa Island Golf Club in Coldwater. He also enjoyed fishing, woodworking and spending winters in Florida.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and Kevin Hughes of Kendallville and Nancy and Jeffrey Wright of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Mark Sanders and Cameron Wright; three brothers, Oscar Sanders of Orland, Rolland Sanders of Hamilton and Maynard Sanders of Ashley; and three sisters, Anna Mae Platt of Hudson, Phyllis Drozda of Grant Park, Ill., and Sharon Graham of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harold Sanders; and a sister, Laura Jones.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurance Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with graveside services conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., with Masonic services conducted by members of the Ashley Masonic Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Cahoots Coffee Cafe in Angola or the American Heart Association.

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## Bertha Duncan

WATERLOO — Bertha Marie Duncan, 101, of Waterloo, died Thursday, May 11, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Duncan was a homemaker and a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ and its Ladies Aid. She was a former member of the Pythian Sisters Lodge in Waterloo.

She was born Sept. 14, 1904, in Waterloo to Roscoe and Mary (Gingrich) Geeting.

She married Vern Duncan on Aug. 19, 1925. He died July 17, 1949.

Surviving are a brother, Raymond Geeting of Hollywood, Fla.; two nieces, Marilyn Gurtner and her husband, John, of Waterloo, and Ruth Carroll of Waterloo; and a nephew, Roscoe Wiggins, and his wife, Nellie, of Waterloo.

Graveside services will be today at 1 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery with Steven Evans officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

## Richard Campbell

FORT WAYNE — Richard Eugene Campbell, 73, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, May 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Campbell was retired from the maintenance department at J.C. Penney in Fort Smith, Ark., and also in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Harvest Freewill Baptist Church in Fort Wayne and was a volunteer for the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

He was born Jan. 27, 1933, in Butler, to Clayton and Goldie (Sindel) Campbell. They preceded him in death.

He married Barbara Albertson on July 29, 1953, in Angola. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Duane and Connie Campbell of Fort Wayne and Bennie and Brenda Campbell of Auburn; a daughter, Christine Horn of Fort Wayne; a brother, Chet Campbell of Angola; a sister, Marcella Huisman of Auburn; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Harvest Freewill Baptist Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Red Cross.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

## Kathy Seal

PORTLAND, Mich. — Kathy Sue Seal, 48, of Portland, Mich., died Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

She was born on May 5, 1957, in Columbia City to Arthur and Patricia Flickinger. She married Rory Seal in 1996 in Portland, Mich. He survives.

She graduated from Columbine High School, Littleton, Colo., and Colorado State University with a degree in business and sociology.

Mrs. Seal was a giftware sales representative and enjoyed photography, singing, gardening, playing games and renovating homes. Her family was the love of her life.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her parents in Fairfax, Va.; four brothers, Steve Flickinger of Littleton, Colo., Stan Flickinger of Morrison, Colo., Scott Flickinger of Montross, Va., and Seth Flickinger of Stephen City, Va.; a sister Kay Kern, Hilton Head, S.C.; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at Portland Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Daniel Stemen officiating. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cementery in Noble County, Ind. with her uncle, the Rev. Gene Flickinger of Kendallville, presiding over the graveside services.

Memorials may be made to the Portland Ministerial Association for Mental Health-Kathy Seal Memorial Fund, 8867 Kent St., Portland MI 48875.

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## Charmaine Camp

KENDALLVILLE — Charmaine J. Camp, 72, died Thursday, May 11, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville.

Born in Bay City, Mich., she was a cook for nursing homes. She enjoyed reading and gardening.

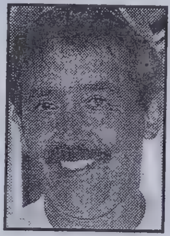
Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Rachel Camp of Auburn; two daughters, "Micky" McNair Engle of Leo, and Terry Rice of Standish, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Ronald Camp, preceded her in death in 1972.

Services will be at noon Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Allan Engle officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

## Korben Schrock



**Mr. Schrock**

FREMONT — Korben K. Schrock, 53, died at 3:07 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2006, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Aug. 23, 1952, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Andrew D. and Elizabeth (Olalde) Schrock. He married Kristin L. Gadsby on March 27, 2004. She survives in Fremont.

He was a former contractor and member of the Moose Lodge in Angola.

Surviving in addition to his wife are his mother, Elizabeth "Liz" Colter of Decatur; a son, Korben K. Schrock Jr. of Decatur; a daughter, Allee E. Schrock of Fremont; two stepsons, Jesse L. Gadsby and Joshua M. Gasby, both of Fremont; and two brothers, Steven F. Schrock of Carmel, and Bradley E. Schrock of Decatur.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with the Rev. Mo Hodge officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children's Education Fund.

To sign the guestbook, click on www.haggardand-sefton.com.

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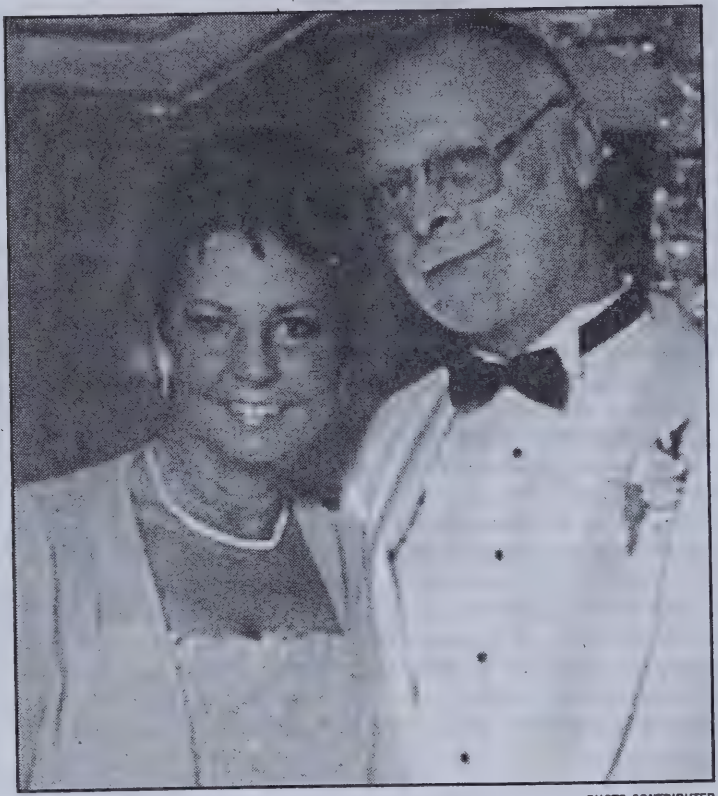
# Mr. Croy took pleasure in simplicity



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Denny Croy and his wife, Shar, pose for a photo on a cruise they took a couple of years ago. Mr. Croy died unexpectedly May 6.

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**BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND**
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ANGOLA — When Shar Buse first met Denny Croy, they were in school and she was a few years older than he.

They were friends, but since he was an underclassman, she said, they didn't date.

Until a lot of years later, after they had both seen a lot of places and things.

"I got married and moved to Michigan, and I didn't come back (to Steuben County) until probably 1986," Shar said. "Then we met up again and we were friends for a couple of years before we started dating."

Shar and Denny were married on Dec. 31, 1994. For 11 years they were inseparable — until May 6, when an aortic aneurism claimed Denny's life.

"I know I was lucky to have him at all; but I feel kind of cheated that I only got to be married to him for 11 years," Shar said sadly.

Denny Croy was a man who enjoyed simple pleasures. Shar said he had always wanted to be a mountain man; that he would have been happy to live in a primitive cabin in the mountains where he could hunt and fish and not have to deal with the hustle and bustle of the real world.

"He lived in Maine for a while, and he told me all he needed was fuel for his 4-wheeler and a generator," she said. "He told me he lived there for $64 a month. Denny just wanted a simple life."

Shar said it would be difficult to pinpoint one aspect of Denny's character that stood out.

"He had so many things about him that were good," she said. "He was honest ... sometimes to a fault. He was witty, and he was very devoted to his family and friends."

Shar's daughter, Tiffany Bruce, was 16 when her mother married Denny. She said Denny embraced her as a daughter of his heart from the very beginning.

"He helped my buy my first car," Tiffany said. "He did all the things for me a father would do." Tiffany said she and Denny were a lot alike in that they didn't wear their hearts on their sleeves.

"We kind of had these shells around us," she said. "Denny and I would tell other people how we felt about each other, but we'd never tell each other."

And when Tiffany, now 28, had children of her own, Denny was right there for her.

"He was a great grandfather," she said. Shar said one thing you didn't want to do was ask for Denny's opinion if you really didn't want it.

"He'd tell you whether it was what you wanted to hear or not," Shar said with a smile creeping into her sad voice. "Denny loved a good argument."

Shar and Denny did some traveling, going on a cruise and taking a trip to Alaska.

"We took a trip to Alaska a few years ago, and I thank God he was able to see Alaska, a place he had always dreamt of going," Shar said.

Shar said her husband never expected a lot, and he never asked for anything. She said he was one of the most appreciative people she ever met.

"He thanked me for every meal I cooked, and every time I cleaned the house or planted flowers he told me how much he appreciated it or how nice it looked," she said.

Shar said Denny was an unassuming man, completely unaware of how many people loved him and how many talents he possessed.

"Denny could build a house or a gun; he was good with wood," she said. "He was so talented. There was nothing Denny couldn't do.“

Now, the memories of the man Shar called "my soulmate, my best friend and my partner through everything" are helping her get through.

"Denny was a wonderful husband and a loyal friend. I will forever hold him in my heart and he will never be replaced," she said.

"The mold has been broken. I love him dearly ... he was my world.“

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## Michael Munk

KENDALLVILLE — Michael P. Munk, 61, died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

## Melvin Grussing

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Melvin W. Grussing, 93, formerly of Fort Wayne and Kendallville, died Friday, May 12, 2006, at his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Before retirement in 1975, Mr. Grussing worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed aviation, travel and nature.

He was born Sept. 9, 1912, in Cissna Park, Ill., to Carson and Martha (Englebrecht) Grussing.

He married Phyllis Watson on July 22, 1945. She survives.

Mr. Grussing is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Phil and Janie Grussing of Palm Beach Gardens and Dan and Marie Grussing of Lafayette, La.; two daughters, Susan Stearns of Fort Wayne and Lucinda Weesner of Palm Beach Gardens; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery in Farmer, Ohio.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

## Hugh Christen

ANGOLA — Hugh O. Christen, 88, of Angola died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Christen owned Caladak Gage Co. He was a former member of the Angola Lions Club, Angola Moose Lodge and Steuben Conservation Club. He liked to hunt and fish, and he enjoyed woodworking.

He was born Aug. 15, 1917, in Robinson, Ill., to Oakey and Iona (VanCamp) Christen.

He married Alma C. (Berninger) Christen on April 16, 1942. She preceded him in death on Nov. 8, 1999.

Mr. Christen is survived by two sons, Glenn Christen of Jamestown, Pa., and Robert Christen of Angola; two daughters, Kay Christen of Glendale, Ariz., and Lynne Ufer of St. Charles, Ill.; a brother, Rolland Christen of Chapin, S.C.; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Corwin Christen; and a sister, Glenore Baur.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

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## Leo Oser

AUBURN — Leo M. "Bud" Oser, 90, died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Oser owned and operated Oser Truck Leasing Co. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and was a member of the Fort Wayne Transportation Club and The Loyal Order of the Moose in Angola.

**Mr. Oser**

He was a past director and is a life member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and also belonged to the Antique Automobile Club of America.

He was born May 15, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Michael and Frances (Krouse) Oser.

He married Betty J. (Walker) Oser on Nov. 27, 1962, in Auburn. She survives.

Mr. Oser also is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Jean Oser of Fort Wayne, Steven and Lynn Oser of Broomfield, Colo., and Patrick and Deborah Oser of Ankeny, Iowa; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and William Schaab of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Nancy and Michael Wyngaard of Madison, Wis., and Julia Muir of Bloomfield, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Diane Kallmyer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Father John Kuzmick will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with a wake service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's of the Woods in Terre Haute, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn.

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## Nina Rasler

KENDALLVILLE — Nina M. Rasler, 93, of Kendallville died Sunday, May 14, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

**Mrs. Rasler**

Mrs. Rasler had been a receptionist for 15 years for the Northeastern Indiana Big Brothers and Big Sisters. She had also worked at a cashier at Miller's Restaurant.

She had served as the financial secretary for First Christian Church for 12 years and was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

Mrs. Rasler was a member of the Noble County Women's Club.

She was born on July 24, 1912, in Kendallville to William A. and Maude (Thompson) Wagner. She married Leland L. Rasler on June 11, 1932, in Kendallville. He died March 2, 1964.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Charles Newman of Wolcottville; a sister, Ann Bailey of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Homer Rasler; eight brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Tom Rasler, Homer Rasler III, Roger Newman, Bruce Newman, Larry Bailey and Carl Wagner. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Rasler and Pat Rasler.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Northeast Indiana Big Brothers and Big Sisters or Trinity Church United Methodist.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Doris King

BUTLER — A memorial service for Doris King, 94, of Ruskin, Fla., will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church.

Mrs. King died Oct. 25, 2005, in Ruskin, Fla.

She was born April 3, 1911, in St. Joe.

She married Robert King on Jan. 16, 1936. They lived on a farm outside Butler.

Mr. King died Nov. 15, 1979. After the death of her husband, Mrs. King moved to Ruskin, Fla.

Mrs. King was a nurse and a caretaker for many elderly people. She enjoyed card games, following and discussing politics, traveling, tending her garden and spending time with friends.

Surviving are many nieces and nephews who said they loved her like a second mother.

Pastor Daniel Eckart will officiate at Saturday's service. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Jill Carr

GARRETT — Jill A. Carr, 63, of Garrett died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carr was a homemaker and had spent most of her life in Garrett and Kendallville.

She was a 1961 graduate of Alexandria High School in Alexandria.

She was born May 12, 1943, in Muncie to James T. and B. Louise (Porter) Lahee. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in LaGrange, Texas.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia Allender and Kathryn and Joseph Dunkel, all of Mongo, and Sloma "Cis" and Russell Main of New Haven; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rocky and Julie Carr of LaGrange and James Carr of Mongo; a sister, Nancy Harlan of Round Top, Texas; two brothers, Nick Lahee of Rosamond, Calif., and Jaye Lahee of Columbus; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo with the Rev. Joe Freeman officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Mongo Cemetery in Mongo.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mongo United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 15, 2006, Monday

## Michael Munk

KENDALLVILLE — Michael P. Munk, 61, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at his rural Kendallville home following an extended illness.

**Mr. Munk**

Mr. Munk was employed by Local 669 sprinkler fitters union.

He was a 1962 graduate of Rome City High School and served in the United States Air Force in Alaska from 1962-1964.

Mr. Munk was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville.

He was born July 16, 1944, in Kendallville to Max M. and Ellen Margaret (Wills) Munk. He married Janice Pfeifer on Dec. 31, 1992, in Liberty Center, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Michele and Phillip Hazelton, Amber Munk and Crystal Munk, all of Kendallville, and Stacy Pierce of Michigan; a stepson, David Case of Holland, Ohio; four grandchildren, Andrew Urick of Kendallville and Hollie Pierce, Mark Pierce and Caitlyn LaFever, all of Michigan; and a stepson, Anthony Case of Holland, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Elizabeth, in 1948; and a granddaughter, Allison Hazelton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. James Tews officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Robert Oberlin

BUTLER — Graveside services for Robert Gordon Oberlin, 80, of Butler will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Butler Cemetery.

Mr. Oberlin died Jan. 2, 2006.

He served as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, landing on Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said, "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

American Legion Post 202 of Butler will conduct military services at graveside.

H.E. Johnson Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

## Ruth Clifton-Gfeller

CORUNNA — Ruth Helen Clifton-Gfeller, 87, of Corunna died Friday, May 12, 2006, at 7:05 p.m in her home after a brief illness. She was homemaker.

She was born Sept. 2, 1918, in Hillsdale, Mich., the daughter of Fred and Eliza A. (VanOrsdale) Wilcox.

She married Donald D. Clifton Sr., and he preceded her in death in 1967. She then married Frank Purchis, who died in 1992.

She married Fred Gfeller on June 24, 1993, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald D. Clifton of Butler; three grandchildren, Tammy Lisa Clifton of Butler, Dawn Marie Hankey of Auburn and Odin Edward Clifton of Butler; 10 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Donald D. "Dewy" Clifton III; two brothers; and one sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio, with Brother Denzel Short and Brother Greg Shipe officiating. Interment will be in Jonesville, Mich.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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## Christene Fulk

CHURUBUSCO — Christene Fulk, 73, of Green Township, Noble County, died at 2:55 p.m. Saturday, May 13, 2006, at her home.

**Mrs. Fulk**

Mrs. Fulk had served as a private duty caregiver for many years.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church where she assisted in the nursery for more than 20 years.

Her family moved from Kentucky to Garrett when she was 8 years old.

She was born Oct. 31, 1932, in Hutchkin, Ky., to Mervin and Bessie (Gilllium) Spencer. She married Howard A. Fulk on Sept. 2, 1950. He died Feb. 2, 1980.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Etta and Scott Pence of Columbia City, Pat and Craig Hanks of New Castle, Marcie and Tony Debes of Avilla, Mary and Dan Keister of Albion and Kathy and Roy Herendeen of Churubusco; three sisters, Mattie Lou Peden, Pauline Budd and Ruby Palmer, all of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Austin Spencer of Columbia City.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Geraldine White, Edwina Hawn and Betty Spencer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Merriam Christian Chapel Church in Merriam with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

## Denis Antrup

ANGOLA — Denis T. Antrup, 61, of Angola died Friday, May 12, 2006, at North Lakes Rehabilitation Center in Merrillville.

Mr. Antrup was born July 10, 1944, in Tampa, Fla., to Charles and Hildred (Todd) Antrup. He was married to Kim Crowl on Sept. 26, 1981, in Fremont. She survives.

He was a former employee of Butler Jack Factory in Butler. He enjoyed NASCAR racing and local racing at the Angola Motor Speedway. He lived most of his life in the Fremont and Steuben County areas. His nickname was the "Can Man," as he would go to baseball games and pick up cans. He loved animals, especially his cats.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Nedra and Doug Fulk of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Christen and Molly Antrup of Holland, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, David Antrup, on April 12, 1988.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on May 27 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

## Velma Seehawer

ANGOLA — Velma F. Seehawer, 93, of Angola died Sunday, May 14, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Seehawer was born Sept. 7, 1912, in Huntertown to Perry and Merda (Lindsey) Warner. She was married to Milton Seehawer on March 26, 1933, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1997.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola. She had been the secretary-treasurer of the Orland United Methodist Church and was a Parent-Teacher Association member.

Surviving are five grandchildren, Angela Masseau, Chris Book and Steve Bickle, all of Angola, Laura Teeter of Union City, Ohio, and Gary Bickle of Tennessee; a son-in-law, Lyle Bickle of Angola; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Carol Bickle in 1992 and Loraine Deller in 2003; and a grandson, Mike Book.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Jamestown Township, Steuben County.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10-11 a.m.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 16, 2006, Tuesday

## Isabelle Davis

HAMILTON — Isabelle G. Davis, 94, of Hamilton died Saturday morning, May 13, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and a 50-year member of the Ashley Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Aug. 20, 1911, in Hamilton to Harlow and Nettie (McClish) Griffith.

On Nov. 4, 1932, she married Winford H. Davis. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dick and Jeannette Davis of Rives Junction, Mich., and Bob and Pat Davis of Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Maynard Sanders of Ashley and Margaret and Al Hobson of Spencerville; 13 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; five nieces; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a stepbrother.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory, 3285 Church St., Hamilton, with Larry Griffith officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Order of the Eastern Star service at 12:45 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

## Robert Kibe

CORUNNA — Robert J. Kibe, 46, of Corunna died Monday, May 15, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kibe was an A.S.E.-certified master technician for 30 years.

He was born April 21, 1960, in Maple Cross, England.

Surviving are his wife, Karen (Sitko) Kibe of Avilla; his father, Joseph Kibe of Corunna; a daughter, Erin L. Kibe of Auburn; a son, Darren Kibe of Auburn; and a stepdaughter, Khishna Thomas of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margo Kibe, in 1997.

Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

## Eugene Lamle

CHURUBUSCO — Eugene "Ike" Lamle of rural Churubusco died at 8:10 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Among his survivors are two sons, Dennis Lamle and Michael Lamle; and two daughters, Bonnie DePew and Debra Baughman.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 17, 2006, Wednesday

## Max Bachelor

ANGOLA — Max L. Bachelor, 85, of Angola died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bachelor

Mr. Bachelor was born on his family's farm in Angola on Oct. 29, 1920, to Paul and Bessie (LaSalle) Bachelor. He married June L. Koon on Jan. 2, 1944, at the Nevada Mills Church in Angola. She survives.

He was a lifetime dairy cattle farmer. He was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and a 1938 graduate of Orland High School. He enjoyed basketball, golf and showing dairy cattle. He and his family were very involved in 4-H.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen P. and Lynda L. Bachelor of Angola; a sister, Dorothy Twitchell of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Elizabeth “Libbey” Bachelor of Orland; a sister-in-law, Gracie Bachelor of Baltimore; three grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Cory and Stacey Bachelor and Shawn and Jackie Bachelor, al of Orland, and Curtis and Jenny Bachelor of Angola; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Betty Graham; and a brother, Harold Bachelor.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont. Pallbearers will be Cory, Curt, Shawn and John Bachelor, Dean Twitchell and Brent Sutton.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

## Clark Holtzman

ANGOLA — Clark Watson Holtzman, 89, of Angola died Friday, May 12, 2006, at his home at Lake Charles.

Mr. Holtzman

Mr. Holtzman was born in Fort Wayne on June 27, 1916. He married Dorothy Louise Bade on Aug. 11, 1938, and she survives.

He moved to Angola in 1951 from Napoleon, Ohio, to open Holtzman Hatchery, which supplied poultry to a three-state area. Later he added the Angola Feed Mill, located on the west side of the city, across the railroad tracks from Tri-State University. He and his wife operated Garden City Depot, and he later headed Holtzman Construction.

He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and was instrumental in a major expansion of the church building in 1982.

In 1973, the Holtzmans sold their business interests and joined the Peace Corps, serving on assignments in Peru, Botswana and Sierra Leone. Mr. Holtzman taught a variety of skills in South America and Africa, including animal husbandry and construction. After leaving the Peace Corps, the Holtzmans did missionary work in Africa and the United States as members of the Lutheran World Globe Mission and Mission Builders in northern Georgia.

He was an avid aviator in his younger years. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He was a life member of the Zenobia Temple and Oasis of Toledo and was a 32nd degree Shriner. He was a member and past president of the Napoleon Kiwanis Club, a life member of the Angola Elks Lodge and served as president of the Lake James Cottage Owners Association.

Also surviving are six children, Joel Holtzman and Suzette Hearn, both of Atlanta, Clark Holtzman of Chapel Hill, N.C., Samuel Holtzman of Houston, Texas, Anthony Holtzman of Fort Wayne and Jon Holtzman of Big Sky, Mont.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Private burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice or Calvary Lutheran Church.

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May 17, 2006, Wednesday

## Francis Small

BRONSON, Mich. — Francis R. Small, 76, of Bronson, Mich., died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., after an illness of several months.

Mr. Small was born Dec. 4, 1929, in Pittsford, Mich., to Ross and Ethel (Kope) Small. He served with the U.S. Army in Korea, where he was wounded. He received the Purple Heart and was retired from the Army with a permanent disability.

He married Marilyn Sours on April 4, 1985, in Angola, and she survives. He worked for several years at American Woodcraft in Union City, Mich., and also worked part-time as a bartender. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5003 in Bronson and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sheryl and Steve Harrington of Angola, Laura and Brant Headley of Coldwater, Mich., and Joyce Green of Bronson; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jimmy Jones and Richard and Karla King, all of Bronson, and Gene and Annette Jones of Coldwater; two brothers, Larry Small of North Adams, Mich., and Burdette Small of Florida; two sisters, Eretta Houtz of Batavia, Mich., and Joyce King of Bronson; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at noon Thursday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Terry Siler officiating. Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery with full military honors conducted by members of the Bronson American Legion and VFW posts.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

## Jeffery Hill

CHURUBUSCO — Jeffery Alan Hill, 22, of Churubusco died at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at his home after a two-year battle with cancer.

Mr. Hill

Mr. Hill grew up in Green Township in Noble County and graduated in 2002 from Churubusco High School.

He had been employed as a truck driver for Jasper Trucking in Albion.

Mr. Hill was a member of Sugar Grove Church of God.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and 4-H activities.

Mr. Hill was a devoted husband and father.

He was born Sept. 22, 1983, in Fort Wayne to Jonathan L. and Cheryl (Pippenger) Hill. They survive in rural LaOtto.

He married Sarah Marie Ruckman on Aug. 2, 2003. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gavin Parker Hill, 4, at home; two sisters, Rachel Hill and Janelle Hill, both of rural LaOtto; his in-laws, David and Teri Ruckman of Churubusco; his grandparents, Jack and Betty Hill of rural LaOtto, Philip and Norma Pippenger of Churubusco, Duane and Gloria Ruckman of Churubusco and Norma Bobay of Fort Wayne; and a brother-in-law, David Ruckman II of Churubusco.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Sugar Grove Church of God Benevolent Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 17, 2006, Wednesday

## Paul Lautermilch

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Paul Lautermilch, 77, of rural Hicksville, Ohio, died Sunday, May 14, 2006, in the emergency room of Hicksville Hospital.

Mr. Lautermilch was a farm implement mechanic and a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the combat engineers during the Korean War.

He was born Jan. 21, 1929, in Hillsdale County, Mich., to Delphos Harriet (Merrifield) and Glenn Lautermilch. They preceded him in death.

He married Vanda R. Phillips on Oct. 30, 1954. She died July 18, 2004.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jim Lautermilch of Lima, Ohio, Glen and Deb Lautermilch of Bryan, Ohio, Gus and Debra Lautermilch of West Unity, Ohio, and Dan and Sherri Lautermilch of Exeter, Calif.; two daughters, Judy Martinez of Hicksville and Rachel Fenter of Defiance, Ohio; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Junior Lautermilch of Bryan and Marion and Audrey Lautermilch of Montpelier, Ohio; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Hazel Dietrich of Bryan, Mildred Root of Quincy, Mich., and Alice and Andy Zoll of Defiance; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Louie Lautermilch; and two sisters, Opal Brown and Grace Davis.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio. Burial will follow in Brown Cemetery at Bryan.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

## Eugene Lamle

CHURUBUSCO — Eugene J. "Ike" Lamle, 92, of rural Churubusco died at 8:10 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where he had been a patient for the past year.

Mr. Lamle

Mr. Lamle had lived in Green Township in Noble County since 1957 where he was a retired farmer. He had also retired in 1979 as a carpenter for Union Local 232.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Lamle was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed fishing, raising livestock, Indiana University basketball, Indianapolis Colts football, talking with his friends and family and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born April 3, 1914, in Lake Township in Allen County to David John and Katherine (Klotz) Lamle and grew up on a farm near Arcola. He married Lois M. Nolt on Dec. 14, 1940, in Lake Township. She died May 27, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and Keith DePew and Debra and Ronald Baughman, all of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Karen Lamle of Salt Lake City and Michael and Robyn Lamle of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by six sisters, Gertrude Falsing, Martha Sneider, Lena Scott, Amelia Bowsman, Katherine Gumm and Elsie Lamle; and two brothers, Clarence Lamle and Gotlieb Lamle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial with military rites will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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May 17, 2006, Wednesday

## Joshua Weaver

ELWOOD — Joshua A. Weaver, 24, of Elwood died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at his home.

He was a contractor, working in home construction.

He was born Feb. 3, 1982, in Elwood to Ed Gordon and Teresa Weaver.

Surviving are his mother, Teresa Weaver of Fort Wayne; a father, Dewayne York of Elwood; a father, Ed Gordon of Elwood; a son, Anthony Michael; two sisters, Christina York of Gainesville, Fla., and Destiny Gordon of Elwood; two brothers, Justin York of Elwood and Jacob Holst of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Chad Gordon of Elwood; his grandparents, Lena Weaver of Elwood and Carl and Louise York of Elwood; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews

Services will be Friday at Dunnichay Funeral Home, 1113 S. Anderson St., Elwood, with the Rev. Matthew Miller officiating. Interment will be at Elwood City Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Marilyn Hardisty

FORT WAYNE — Marilyn M. (Biesiada) Hardisty, 81, of Fort Wayne died Monday, May 15, 2006, at Hospice House in South Bend.

A native of Waterloo, she worked for 31 years at Bowmar Instrument Corp. in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and VFW Post 1421. She was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church. She enjoyed her cat, Mookie.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Todd West of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Glen and Judi Hardisty of South Bend; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Martha Schomberg of El Dorado Springs, Mo.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her ex-husband, Carl Biesiada, and his children of Fort Wayne

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Stanley; a sister, Corrine Oster; and her parents, Frank and Cyrille Schomberg.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 9-10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice House, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 17, 2006, Wednesday

# Christene Fulk, 73

CHURUBUSCO – Christene Fulk, 73, of Green Township, Noble County, died at 2:55 p.m., Saturday, May 13, 2006 at her home.

She was born October 31, 1932 in Hutchkin, Kentucky a daught of Mervin and Bessie (Gillium) Spencer. At the age of eight, her family moved to Garrett. Her formative years were spent in the Garrett and Huntertown areas.

On September 2, 1950 she was united in marriage to Howard A. Fulk. They always made their home on a farm in Green Township. Mr. Fulk died February 2, 1980.

A private duty caregiver for many years, she was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel Church where she served as a nursery assistant for over 20 years.

Surviving relatives include five daughters, Etta (Scott) Pence of Columbia City; Pat (Craig) Hanks of New Castle; Marcie (Tony) Debes of Avilla, Mary (Dan) Keister of Albion and Kathy (Roy) Herendeen of Churubusco; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; three sisters, Mattie Lou Peden, Pauline Budd and Ruby Palmer, all of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Austin Spencer of Columbia City.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Geraldine White, Edwina Hawn and Betty Spencer.

Services were held May 16, 2006 at Merriam Christian Chapel Church. The Rev. Terry Zolman, church pastor, officiated. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Merriam Christian Chapel Church or Parkview Home Health & hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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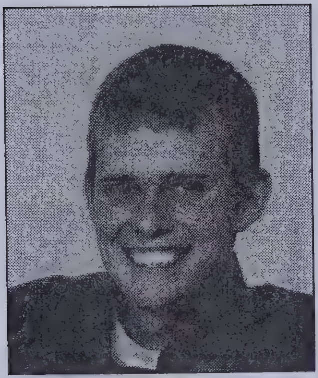
Dear Family, Friends & Neighbors,
Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest word,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day;
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.
A special thanks to
Rev. Dan Barker
Albion Volunteer Fire & EMS
and
Everyone for all the prayers.
Linda Growcock, Scott Growcock
Darcie & Greg Marvin

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 17, 2006, Wednesday



## Jeffery Hill, 22

CHURUBUSCO – Jeffery Alan Hill, 22, a resident of Churubusco, lost his battle with cancer at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at the family residence. He had been in declining health for the past two years.

Mr. Hill was born on September 22, 1983 in Fort Wayne, a son of Jonathan L. and Cheryl (Pippenger) Hill. He spent his formative years in Green Township in Noble County and graduated from Churubusco High School in 2002.

On August 2, 2003, he was married to Sarah Marie Ruckman and spent all his life in the Churubusco-area.

He was formerly employed at Jasper Trucking in Albion and was a member of the Sugar Grove Church of God north of Churubusco.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah; a son, Gavin Parker Hill, age four, at home; his parents, Jonathan and Cheryl Hill of rural LaOtto; two sisters, Rachel Hill and Janelle Hill, both of rural LaOtto; his in-laws, David and Teri Ruckman of Churubusco; his grandparents, Jack and Betty Hill of rural LaOtto, Philip and Norma Pippenger of Churubusco, Duane and Gloria Ruckman of Churubusco, and Norma Bobay of Fort Wayne; and his brother-in-law, David Ruckman II of Churubusco.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2006, at the Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable, officiating.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home on Friday from 2-8 p.m. or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Robert Kibe, 46

CORUNNA - Robert J. Kibe, 46, of Corunna died Monday, May 15, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kibe was an A.S.E.-certified master technician for 30 years.

He was born April 21, 1960, in Maple Cross, England.

Surviving are his wife, Karen (Sitko) Kibe of Avilla; his father, Joseph Kibe of Corunna; a daughter, Erin L. Kibe of Auburn; a son, Darren Kibe of Auburn; and a stepdaughter, Khishna Thomas of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margo Kibe, in 1997.

Services were Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

**Dear Friends,
You have richly and
beautifully touched our lives
in recent months with your
prayers, calls, cards and
so much love outpoured.
Thank you from the bottom
of our hearts,
The Yvonne Davis Family**

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 18, 2006, Thursday

## Beverly Davis

CHURUBUSCO — Beverly J. Davis, 76, of Churubusco died at 1:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and had been hospitalized for two weeks.

**Mrs. Davis**

Mrs. Davis was a lifetime resident of Churubusco and a 1948 graduate of Churubusco High School.

She had served on the board of directors of the Churubusco Turtle Days festival.

She had been a teacher at Churubusco United Methodist Nursery School for 19 years. She had also worked in the cafeteria at Smith-Green Community Schools for a period of time and later as a clerk at CVS Pharmacy in Churubusco.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

She was born March 24, 1930, to Cloyd "Pete" and Hazel (Hollenbeck) Krieger. She married Calvin C. Davis on July 16, 1954, in Churubusco. He died Dec. 27, 1988.

Surviving are her three children, Sharon Rose Blair of Columbia City and Bruce Davis and Kevin Davis, both of Churubusco; and four grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Calvin Krieger and John Krieger; and two sisters, Phyllis Ferguson and Leila Conner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Park.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Paul Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Duane Parker, 80, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in Sebring, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

## Donna Ogden

LIGONIER — Donna Marie Ogden, 63, of Ligonier died Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital following an extended illness.

She had spent most of her life in the Ligonier area.

Mrs. Ogden was retired as inventory control manager at Goshen Rubber, where she worked for 38 years. She was a 1960 graduate of Saint Claire Shores High School, and attended Indiana University-South Bend.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ligonier, and a member of the Red Hat Society in the Lake Wawasee area. She was active in painting, arts, gardening and woodworking.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1942, in Mount Clemens, Mich., to Oscar and Laura (Jarvis) Tindle. She married David Ogden on Aug. 5, 1961, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Teresa Rust of Fort Wayne, Bonnie and Kevin Willoughby of Goshen and Wendy and Tilman Wolfe of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; two brothers; and six sisters.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Tindle.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Care and Home Hospice.

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## Manola Williams

WATERLOO — Manola Ruth Parker Williams, 74, of Waterloo died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at Hillside Nursing Home in Willard, Ohio.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 17, 1932, in Garrett to Marvin R. Parker and Opal B. (Brown) Parker Haines.

She married Merritt LeRoy Williams on Oct. 30, 1948, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Leona Greer of Ashley and Carolyn Churchward of Churubusco; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Lou Gilmore and Mariam McNamara; and two brothers, Wilbur J. and Robert W. Parker.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted with new information about the time of the service.*

## Joshua Weaver

ELWOOD — Joshua A. Weaver, 24, of Elwood died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at his home.

He was a contractor, working in home construction.

He was born Feb. 3, 1982, in Elwood to Ed Gordon and Teresa Weaver.

Surviving are his mother, Teresa Weaver of Fort Wayne, who has family members and friends in the Auburn area; his father, Ed Gordon of Elwood; the dad who raised him, Dewayne York of Elwood; a son, Anthony Michael; two sisters, Christina York of Gainesville, Fla., and Destiny Gordon of Elwood; two brothers, Justin York of Elwood and Jacob Holst of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Chad Gordon of Elwood; his grandparents, Lena Weaver of Elwood and Carl and Louise York of Elwood; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Dunnichay Funeral Home, 1113 S. Anderson St., Elwood, with the Rev. Matthew Miller officiating. Interment will be at Elwood City Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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## Kevin Hutchings

GOSHEN — Kevin Leon Hutchings, 49, of Goshen died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at his home. Mr. Hutchings was a lifetime area resident and a 1975 graduate of West Noble High School.

He had been employed by Reese Hitches. Mr. Hutchings served four years in the U.S. Army. He attended Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was born Sept 29, 1956, in LaGrange to Leon and Margaret (Kieister) Hutchings. His mother survives in Ligonier and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Rick and Bonnie DeBolt of Wawaka, Richard and Barbara DeBolt of Syracuse, Ronald DeBolt of Sparks, Nev., Roger and Marna DeBolt of Ligonier and Steven and Judy Hutchings of Urbana, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Estella and David Spradlin of Mason, Ohio, and Shirley and Ronnie Swartz of Ligoner; and 19 nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert DeBolt.

Services were held Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church.

## Donna Ogden

LIGONIER — Donna Marie Ogden, 63, of Ligonier died May 13, 2006 at Goshen General Hospital after an extended illness.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1943 to Oscar and Laura (Jarvis) Tindle, in Mount Clemens, Mich.

On Aug. 5, 1961 she married David Ogden, and he survives. She was a lifetime resident of the Ligonier area.

Mrs. Ogden was retired as inventory control manager at Goshen Rubber, where she worked for 38 years. She was a 1960 graduate of Saint Claire Shores High School, and attended Indiana University-South Bend.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ligonier, and a member of the Red Hat Society in the Lake Wawasee area. She was active in painting, arts, gardening and woodworking.

In addition to her husband, survivors include three daughters: Teresa Rust of Fort Wayne; Bonnie (Kevin) Willoughby of Goshen; and Wendy (Tilman) Wolfe of Syracuse. She had seven grandchildren and two brothers and six sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Tindle.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse. Visitation is Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Care and Home Hospice.

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# Ivan Lebamoff, former Fort Wayne mayor, dies at 73

FORT WAYNE (AP) — Former Mayor Ivan Lebamoff, who is credited with helping spur redevelopment of the city's downtown during the 1970s, has died. He was 73.

Lebamoff had cancer and his health had worsened in the past week, said his son, Jordan Lebamoff. He died Thursday at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Lebamoff served one term as the city's mayor from 1972 through 1975 and was Allen County's Democratic Party chairman for many years.

"It's hard to appreciate how bad downtown was when he became mayor," said state Rep. Win Moses, who was Fort Wayne's mayor in the 1980s. "The convention center was just a vacant piece of land, practically."

Lebamoff lost his reelection bid in 1975, then resumed his law practice until his vision and other health problems became worse during the last four months, said his brother, George Lebamoff.

"He was a good son, a good husband, a good father and a good grandfather, and he served the people of Fort Wayne honorably," George Lebamoff said.

Lebamoff's family emigrated from Macedonia, and he served as the president of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization. He graduated from Fort Wayne's South Side High School in 1950 and from Indiana University in 1954.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; two others sons, Damian Lebamoff of Dayton, Ohio, and Justin Lebamoff of Fort Wayne, and five grandchildren.

A funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church.

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## George Hunter

MARION, Ohio — George Howard Hunter, 72, of Marion, Ohio, died Friday, May 5, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Hunter was a former employee of the Old Crown Brewery in Fort Wayne. In 1986, he retired from Hubert Shovel Co. in Marion. After his retirement, he worked for a number of people in Marion with his lawn care service.

**Mr. Hunter**

He was a Seventh Day Adventist, an avid reader and a member of book clubs. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born July 5, 1933, in Dayton, Ohio, to Cashus and Francis (Rammer) Hunter. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Audrey and Gary Strodtman of Auburn and Rosalie and John Fugate of Auburn; four grandchildren, Shannon Rowe, Molly Rosenbury, James Hunter and Tiffany Fugate; two stepgrandchildren, Sherrie Fugate and Frinces Fugate; eight great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and his former wife, Pearl McKenny.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be Saturday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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## Dorothy Stout

MIDDLEBURY — Dorothy Hocking Stout, 73, of Middlebury died at 3:05 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Stout

Mrs. Stout had moved to the area in 1971 from Oklahoma.

She was a homemaker and had a Bachelor's of Science degree in home economics from Ohio University.

Mrs. Stout an accomplished violinist and loved to garden.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Middlebury and the Middlebury Garden Club.

She was born April 6, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Ashley and Olive (Hover) Hocking. She married Gene Stout on Nov. 20, 1955. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Dianne and Lynn Kliewer, Dolores Stout and Dee and Jimmy Koontz, all of Middlebury, Deneen and Bill Seigler of Elkhart and Darla and Ken Bechlem of Topeka; five sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Phyllis Stout, David and Laura Stout and Dale and Julie Stout, all of Goshen, Duane and Jennifer Stout of Kenosha, Wis., and Dean and Rhonda Stout of Elkhart; a brother, Dan Hocking of McDonough, Ga.; 35 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Debra Stout; and a son, Dennis Stout.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## W. Bryce Armstrong

LIGONIER — W. Bryce Armstrong, 40, of Ligonier died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Mr. Armstrong worked in the construction of towers for T-Square Millwright Service in North Webster.

Mr. Armstrong

He was a 1984 graduate of West Noble High School and a member of the Ligonier Eagles Lodge and a follower of the Golden Rule.

Mr. Armstrong was an avid Denver Broncos football fan and John Elway was his favorite football player.

He enjoyed fishing and camping with his sons and spending time with his friends.

Mr. Armstrong was born Oct. 11, 1965, in Kendallville to Bill and Thelma (Moser) Armstrong. His father and stepmother, Bill and Patti Armstrong, survive in Ligonier and his mother and stepfather, Thelma and Wayne Bryant, survive in Chester, Ill.

Surviving are two sons, Bryce Armstrong and Nicholas Kelly Armstrong, both of Ligonier; a brother and his fiance, Patrick "Booter" Armstrong and Sara Thornsberry of Cromwell; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kelly and Jay Jackson of Attica and Heather Marquez of Goshen; his grandmother, Wanda Armstrong of Syracuse; special friends, the DeWayne and Sandy Bontrager family of Ligonier; his former wife, Cheri Newcomer; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the Bryce and Nicholas Armstrong Trust Fund care of Lake City Bank in Ligonier.

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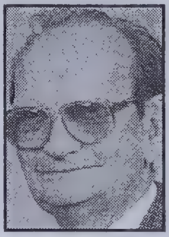
# George Davis

KENDALLVILLE — George W. Davis, 79, of Kendallville died Thursday, May 18, 2006, at his home.



Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis went to work at Cline Brothers Lumber Co. in 1957 and managed the lumber yard in Wolcottville from 1967 to 1989. He then returned to Broadview Lumber in Kendallville from 1989 until his retirement.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a technician with the 295th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion in the Asian Pacific Campaign from 1944-1946.

Mr. Davis was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday school for many years and served on the church's board of trustees and on the Pastor Parish Committee.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mr. Davis was a former member and past president of the Wolcottville Lions Club. He had coached Little League Baseball in Kendallville for many years and was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan.

He was born July 12, 1926, in Waverly, Iowa, to Henry and Grace (Milnes) Davis. He married Colleen Marie Whitson on April 17, 1948, in Reno, Nev. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert M. Davis and Edward and Shelia Davis, all of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Maj. Gary and Patricia Smith of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Ben and Loretta Davis of Apache Junction, Ariz.; a sister and brother-in-law, Polly and Glen Walton of Denver, Iowa; nine grandchildren, Robert M. Davis Jr., Christina Zimmerman, Nicole Ferrell, Spec. 4 Adam Davis, Lindsay Davis, Brittany Davis, Matthew Smith and Erik Smith; and five great-grandchildren, Allison Zimmerman, Blaike Zimmerman, Maggie Davis, Marshall Davis and Brianna Ferrell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ted Davis and Harold Davis; a sister, Doris Heideman; and infant siblings, Tom, Bonnie Jean and Mary Marie Davis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Wayne Center United Methodist Church with Pastor Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Joseph Tucker

SPENCERVILLE — Joseph C. Tucker, 74, died Friday morning, May 19, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tucker retired in 1982 as an operations manager with Commercial Lovelace Trucking. He served as a photographer in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was a a member of American Legion Post 409 of Leo for 32 years and of Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn for 23 years.

He was born Jan. 25, 1932, in Fort Wayne to the Rev. Chauncey K. Tucker and Ruby Pauline (Dinius) Tucker. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Mary Barboza on April 6, 1953, in Bristol, R.I. She died Jan. 15, 1982.

He then married Mary K. (McHenry) Shears on Oct. 23, 1982, in the Grabill Mennonite Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russ and Tina Tucker of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-lawk, Toni and Mike Dickerhoff of Spencerville; two stepsons and their wives, Terry and Sue Shears and Tom and Tara Shears, all of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Arlene Tucker of Spencerville and Bonita Knight of Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tom Tucker in 1999 and Dan Tucker in 1966, and a great-grandson, Andrew Dennis Williams, in 2005.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. Stan Miller and Pastor Eddie Clark will officiate. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery at Bluffton.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to Spencerville Fire Department, P.O. Box 45, Spencerville, IN 46788.

## Jennie Makai

Mrs. Makai

BRISTOL BORO, Pa. — Jennie Castor Makai, 82, of Bristol Boro, Pa. died Friday, May 12, 2006, at her home in Bristol Boro.

Mrs. Makai was a homemaker and was known as a "pastaholic." She loved cooking for her family and will be remembered for her macaroni and her meatballs.

She enjoyed going to casinos and visiting the New Jersey shoreline and Lincoln Avenue.

Mrs. Makai was born Jan. 2, 1924, in Bristol Boro.

Her first husband, Vincent Castor, died in 1965. She then married John F. Makai, and he survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Joanne and Gus Etersque and Kathleen Mears, all of Augusta, Ga., and Maria and Bob Faight and Annette and Kevin Brannigan, all of Bristol, Pa.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Connie Castor of Kendallville, Vincent Jr. and Colette Castor of Bristol and Christopher and Christine Makai of Levittown; 17 grandchildren, Michele, Vinny, Timothy, Ashley, Angela, Nicholas, Marissa, Peter, Christine, Cindy, Alisa, Harry, Miranda, Nathan, Kevin, Kayla and Joshua; 14 great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held Tuesday at St. Ann Church in Bristol. Burial was in St. Mark Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Ann Church, 357 Dorrance St., Bristol, PA 19007.

## Michael Bryan

Mr. Bryan

ORLAND — Michael J. Bryan, 43, of Sacramento, Calif., and formerly of Orland, died Tuesday, May 17, 2006, in Sacramento.

Mr. Bryan was employed as a software engineer at Insweb Insurance, Gold River, Calif.

He lived in Orland for 18 years and graduated from Prairie Heights High School in 1981. He graduated from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in 1985 with a double bachelors degree in computer science and mathematics. He lived and worked in Terre Haute for three years before moving to San Jose, Calif., where he lived and worked for 12 years. He then moved to Sacramento and worked at Insweb Insurance.

He was born Jan. 15, 1962, in Angola to Anita Rumsey. His mother and stepfather, Trees Jackson, survive in Fremont.

Also surviving are one sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Eric Anderson of Orland; one brother, Bill Bryan of Albion; three stepsisters and stepbrothers-in-law, Markie and John Sichting of Martinsville, Connie and Bruce Jones of Sturgis, Mich., and Toni and Rob Witzig of Ossian; four aunts and three uncles, Kathy and Bill McClish of Wolcottville, Don and Diane Rumsey of Orland, Guy and Susie Rumsey of Bedford, and Diana Rumsey of Orland; 13 nieces and nephews, and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by one uncle, Gary Rumsey, and grandparents, Katherine and Howard Rumsey.

Memorial services are to be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

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## Raymond Rutherford

ALBION — Raymond McCoy "Pockie" Rutherford, 74, died Friday, May 17, 2006, at 1:15 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Tuesday.

**Mr. Rutherford**

He was a machinist welder at Supreme Corp. in Goshen and also a journeyman welder.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Rutherford was born Sept. 18, 1931, in Cranberry, W.Va., to Arthur Ray and Pauline (Smith) Rutherford.

He moved from West Virginia and lived most of his life in Albion.

Mr. Rutherford married Sandra Kay Iddings in Kendallville on Oct. 26, 1959. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Toni and Jack Ridenour of Fort Wayne and Trina and Mark Krueger of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Laurie Rutherford of Kendallville and Toby and Danielle Rutherford of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Johnny Chowis of Virginia, Jean and Tom Weber and Norma and Jack Hawkins, all of North Carolina, and Carol Prossit of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Pat Rutherford.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Five Corners Baptist Church, 2995 E. C.R. 600S, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs presiding. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Five Corners Baptist Church or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Perry Pence

HUDSON — Perry E. Pence, 65, of rural Hudson died Thursday, May 18, 2006.

He was born in Garrett on July 19, 1940, to Edward and Amy (Bolton) Pence, who are deceased.

Mr. Pence retired after 32 years at General Telephone Co. He had worked at Wal-Mart in Angola for the past year.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are a son, James Pence of Ashley; a sister, Sue Green of Bronson, Mich.; and two grandsons, Jeffery and Justin Pence.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sally Gingrich.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling will be after noon on Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

## Matthew Scrogham

MIDDLEBURY — Matthew Robert Scrogham, 2 hours old, of Middlebury, died at 5 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2006, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

He was born at 3 a.m. Friday in Goshen to Robert and Christine (Sheets) Scrogham. They survive.

Also surviving are two grandmothers, Connie Chrispyn and her husband, Roger, of Goshen, and Susan Scrogham of Nappanee; two grandfathers, Richard Sheets and his wife, Mary, of Bristol, and Gene Scrogham of Middlebury; and great-grandparents, Ned and Joy McDonald of Nappanee, Carl Sheets of New Paris and Leora Jenks of Elkhart.

Graveside services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday for friends and family. Burial will be in Mott Cemetery, Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home.

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**THIS OBITUARY IS BEING RERUN** *to include an additional survivor.*

## George Davis

KENDALLVILLE — George W. Davis, 79, of Kendallville died Thursday, May 18, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Davis went to work at Cline Brothers Lumber Co. in 1957 and managed the lumber yard in Wolcottville from 1967 to 1989. He then returned to Broadview Lumber in Kendallville from 1989 until his retirement.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a technician with the 295th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion in the Asian Pacific Campaign from 1944-1946.

Mr. Davis was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday school for many years and served on the church's board of trustees and on the Pastor Parish Committee.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mr. Davis was a former member and past president of the Wolcottville Lions Club. He had coached Little League Baseball in Kendallville for many years and was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan.

He was born July 12, 1926, in Waverly, Iowa, to Henry and Grace (Milnes) Davis. He married Colleen Marie Whitson on April 17, 1948, in Reno, Nev. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert M. Davis and Edward and Shelia Davis, all of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Maj. Gary and Patricia Smith of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Ben and Loretta Davis of Apache Junction, Ariz.; a sister and brother-in-law, Polly and Glen Walton of Denver, Iowa; nine grandchildren, Robert M. Davis Jr., Christina Zimmerman, Nicole Ferrell, Spec. 4 Adam Davis, Lindsay Davis, Brittany Davis, Matthew Smith, Nicholas Smith and Erik Smith; and five great-grandchildren, Allison Zimmerman, Blaike Zimmerman, Maggie Davis, Marshall Davis and Brianna Ferrell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ted Davis and Harold Davis; a sister, Doris Heideman; and infant siblings, Tom, Bonnie Jean and Mary Marie Davis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Wayne Center United Methodist Church with Pastor Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Paul Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Duane Parker, 80, a native of Kendallville, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at his home in Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Parker retired in 1990 from the Glass, Molders, Potters and Allied Workers Union after 43 years of continuous, dedicated service as the treasurer and financial secretary of Local 262 in Kendallville.

He was an international trustee, financial secretary and international representative of the G.M.P. Mr. Parker retired with 10 retirement parties given by grateful members as the international vice president of the G.M.P.

He served on the United Way of Board of Directors of Kendallville, was an active life members and four-year commander of V.F.W. Post 2749 of Kendallville. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and the Eagles Lodge, both in Kendallville. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge in Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Parker served his country in the United States Navy from 1943-46.

He was born in Kendallville on Dec. 12, 1925.

Survivors are his wife, Barbara Jacobson Parker of Sebring; one brother, Robert Parker of Tiggott, Ark.; two sons, Mitchell Parker of Vietnam and Patrick Parker of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two daughters, Charil Trowbridge and Janine Cole, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; 10 great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial and military honors at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Casketbearers will be Joe Parker, Curt Parker, Matthew Trowbridge, Joshua Cole, Mark Ballard and Jerry Miller.

Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association or to the Alzheimer's Association. Hite Funeral Home's Web site is www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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# Animals knew she was a friend

## Ann Browand worked to create humane shelter

**BY BILL GISEL**
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KENDALLVILLE — If the quality of one's life depends on the legacy it leaves behind, then Ann Browand had a wonderful life.

Mrs. Browand was a wife for her husband, Gene, nearly 58 years; the mother of two children and the grandmother and great-grandmother to eight; and, she was the "knight in shining armor" to countless homeless dogs and cats and other animals who came under her care, both before and after she single-handedly started the Noble County Humane Shelter in 1971.

Well, not exactly single-handedly.

"She couldn't find an address just around the corner," remarked Gene, who accompanied Mrs. Browand on countless rescues of dogs and cats and other animals. "She never had any trouble with an animal, either," he continued.

**Mrs. Browand**

Mrs. Browand could befriend any animal, no matter how frightened or abused, he said. Animals "just automatically knew that she was OK, that she was a friend."

While she loved dogs of any breed, Mrs. Browand's favorite was the St. Bernard. Over the years, she owned five, and her latest, Bear, misses Mrs. Browand nearly as much as Gene.

Mrs. Browand died April 28, after an illness of three years. She was 78.

"We thought she had pneumonia, and it just never would get better," Browand said of his wife's illness. Last October, his wife "really got sick," and they learned she had cancer.

Before her illness prevented her participation, the Humane Society honored Mrs. Browand by naming the

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dog kennel of the shelter on Sherman Street the "Room of Hope."

Jennifer Getts, president of the shelter's board of directors, explained: "Our hope is to get all the dogs a home. That was her passion, to get them homes and see that they are taken care of.

"I hope that we can always live up to her ideal of what an animal shelter should be," Getts added.

Margaret Ewing, retired life page editor of The News-Sun, photographed hundreds of dogs and cats that were eligible for adoption at the humane shelter. Ewing said she never met a more dedicated person in any organization than Mrs. Browand.

"It didn't matter that she had a job and worked hard. She would get off work and go out there and work. I always admired her for that," Ewing said.

Long-time shelter worker Sue Abbs said Mrs. Browand "saw the good in every animal ever born" and believed that for every homeless animal, there was a potential home somewhere.

"She was just a wonderful person that loved animals, and especially dogs," Abbs said.

Former Kendallville Mayor John Riemke recalled Mrs. Browand as the person who "single-handedly took care of a very difficult situation" when there was no humane society and no shelter. Before the shelter, a dog catcher would confine dogs for a brief period in a kennel at the city wastewater treatment plant, and unclaimed animals were shot.

"She didn't want to see any animal destroyed," Riemke said. Mrs. Browand obtained the use of a barn on the Angling Road north of Kendallville to house animals, and she knocked on doors all over the city to obtain donations for food.

"I don't know how she managed, how she got the funds, but she did," Riemke said. "I can remember she would have dogs tied up all over, and in the barn. She just did not want to see them destroyed."

## Henry Jacobs

VENICE, Fla. — Henry I. Jacobs, 79, of Venice, Fla., died Thursday, May 18, 2006.

Mr. Jacobs worked as a bridge tender on the Hatchett Creek bridge. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8118, American Legion Post 159 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 101.

He was born March 4, 1927, in Ligonier. He moved to Florida from Wakarusa in 1972.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Verna; a son, Michael Jacobs of Garrett; a stepson, Dean Shidler of Venice, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Ann Weaver of Venice and Kathy Searfoss of Syracuse; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service wil be Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Venice.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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**THE FOLLOWING** *two obituaries are being rerun to correct errors.*

## Stahly Showalter

MIDDLEBURY — Stahly S. Showalter, 88, of Middlebury died Friday, May 19, 2006, at home. He had been in failing health for the past 10 months.

**Mr. Showalter**

Mr. Showalter was born Dec. 6, 1917, in LaGrange County to Noble and Mable (Stahly) Showalter. He was married to Fern Hooley in LaGrange County on Feb. 22, 1941, and she survives.

He was a farmer and a skilled carpenter. He was a member of Pleasant View Mennonite Church and served as a volunteer with Mennonite Disaster Services as a carpenter. He enjoyed bowling.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Carl Metzler and Dianne and David Lehman, all of Goshen, Darlene and Lynn Miller of Elkhart and Delores and Mark Weber of Lancaster, Pa.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lowell and Cindy Showalter of Syracuse and Ron and Tamylia Showalter of Union, Mich.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Vesta and Albert Stroman and Charlene and Theron Christophel, all of Goshen, and Esther and Tom Deal of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald and Lois Showalter of Warsaw and Glen and Roseann Showalter and Dale and Janet Showalter, all of Goshen; 14 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jay Showalter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Pleasant View Mennonite Church in Goshen, with the Rev. Ron Diener and Deacon Norman Maust officiating. Calling will be today from 1 to 5 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to Pleasant View Mennonite Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Raymond Rutherford

**Mr. Rutherford**

ALBION — Raymond McCoy "Pockie" Rutherford, 74, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at 1:15 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Tuesday.

He was a machinist welder at Supreme Corp. in Goshen and also a journeyman welder.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Rutherford was born Sept. 18, 1931, in Cranberry, W.V., to Arthur Ray and Pauline (Smith) Rutherford.

He moved from West Virginia and lived most of his life in Albion.

Mr. Rutherford married Sandra Kay Iddings in Kendallville on Oct. 26, 1959. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Toni and Jack Ridenour of Fort Wayne and Trina and Mark Krueger of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Laurie Rutherford of Kendallville and Toby and Daniell Rutherford of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Johnny Chowis of Virginia, Jean and Tom Weber and Norma and Jack Hawkins, all of North Carolina, and Carol Prossit of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Pat Rutherford.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Five Corners Baptist Church, 2995 E. C.R. 600S, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs presiding. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Five Corners Baptist Church or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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## Ruth Strahm

AUBURN — Ruth Strahm, 93, of Auburn died Friday, May 19, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

**Mrs. Strahm**

Mrs. Strahm was born April 29, 1913, in Auburn to Charles and Elmira (Draper) Nagle. She was married to Philip W. Strahm on Feb. 27, 1940, and he survives.

She was a homemaker and, along with her husband, owned and operated the National 5 & 10 Stores Inc. of Auburn. She was an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. She was a Chi Eta associate member of Sigma Beta Sorority, a member of Auburn Chapter No. 103 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the A.C.D. Women's Club. For many years, she served as treasurer of the Needlework Guild of DeKalb County. She was a charter member of the Charm and Chatter Home Demonstration Club.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald; two grandchildren and a grandson-in-law, Philip Strahm and Shannon and A.J. Harger; a great-granddaughter, Kyann Marie Strahm; a sister, Mildred Close of Auburn; and a brother, Carl Nagle of Carmel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Dorothy Haite and Esther Close; and a brother, Hobart Nagle.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernus officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Burial will be at the Auburn Mausoleum.

Memorials are to the church or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Garry Strowmatt

CHURUBUSCO — Garry L. Strowmatt, 52, of rural Churubusco died Saturday, May 20, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health since March.

**Mr. Strowmatt**

Mr. Strowmatt was born in Weirton, W.V. on May 26, 1953, to William and Nancy (Bonar) Strowmatt, and moved with his family to Wolcottville in 1966.

As a young man, he served with special forces in the U.S. Army, and had been employed for the past 23 years as a welding foreman at Wirco Inc. in Avilla.

He moved to Churubusco in 1995, and on May 11, 1996, he married Darla Keller in Noble County. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Jessica Strowmatt of Churubusco, Janet Strowmatt of Kendallville and Dawn and Brian Rottger of North Manchester; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Garry Jr. and Mandy Strowmatt and Tim Thompson, all of Angola, and Adam Thompson of Churubusco; his father in Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Jim Perry of Strasburg, Pa.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Judy Strowmatt of Apache Junction, Ariz., Jerry and Kathy Strowmatt of Kendallville and Tim and Susan Strowmatt of Mishawaka; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Revs. Monte Harlan and William Cupp of Bear Lake Ministries officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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## Paul Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Duane Parker, 80, a native of Kendallville, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at his home in Sebring, Fla.

**Mr. Parker**

Mr. Parker retired in 1990 from the Glass, Molders, Potters and Allied Workers Union after 43 years of continuous, dedicated service as the treasurer and financial secretary of Local 262 in Kendallville.

He was an international trustee, financial secretary and international representative of the G.M.P. Mr. Parker retired with 10 retirement parties given by grateful members as the international vice president of the G.M.P.

He served on the United Way of Board of Directors of Kendallville, was an active life members and four-year commander of V.F.W. Post 2749 of Kendallville. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and the Eagles Lodge, both in Kendallville. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge in Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Parker served his country in the United States Navy from 1943-46.

He was born in Kendallville on Dec. 12, 1925.

Survivors are his wife, Barbara Jacobson Parker of Sebring; one brother, Robert Parker of Piggott, Ark.; two sons, Mitchell Parker of Vietnam and Patrick Parker of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two daughters, Charil Trowbridge and Janine Cole, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; 10 great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial and military honors at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Casketbearers will be Joe Parker, Curt Parker, Matthew Trowbridge, Joshua Cole, Mark Ballard and Jerry Miller.

Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association or to the Alzheimer's Association. Hite Funeral Home's Web site is www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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May 22, 2006, Monday

# Hammer blows kill man

## Police say girlfriend confessed to killing

**BY MATT GETTS**
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CROMWELL — A Ligonier woman remains in custody after allegedly confessing Sunday afternoon to killing her boyfriend at Shady Acres Mobile Home Court.

According to the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Christine A. Ratliff, 29, walked into the jail at 5:16 p.m. and advised a confinement officer that she had killed her boyfriend.

Ratliff

Officers found Ronald H. Moser, 29, in a rear bedroom of a mobile home at Lot 154 of Shady Acres Mobile Home Court, located on C.R. 900W outside Cromwell.

Ratliff is being held without bond in the Noble County Jail.

According to Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman, Moser had been struck more than once in the head with a carpenter's claw hammer. Leatherman said he was unsure if the claw end of the hammer — or the blunt end — was used.

"We believe the instrument of force used was a hammer," Leatherman said this morning. "We did recover a hammer at the scene."

Leatherman said Ratliff and Moser had been remodeling the trailer together for several days. Neither of the two had been living in the trailer at the time of Sunday's incident.

Leatherman said circumstances surrounding the incident were unclear this morning, and it was not known at what exact time Ratliff allegedly killed Moser.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said he expected an autopsy to be performed on Moser today to determine cause and manner of death.

According to a press release from the sheriff's department, formal charges will likely be filed within 72 hours.

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## Dewey Gingerich

MIDDLEBURY — Dewey Gingerich, 90, of Middlebury died at 9:55 a.m. Sunday, May 21, 2006, at his home. He had been in declining health the past three years.

Mr. Gingerich moved to the Middlebury area in 1955.

He was a farmer and carpenter and had worked 16 years at Schult Homes in Middlebury.

Mr. Gingerich was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 9, 1916, in Kokomo to Daniel and Dorthea (Miller) Gingerich. He married Edna Bontrager on Jan. 6, 1955, in Middlebury. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Christy Lambright of Middlebury; a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Luanna Gingerich of Middlebury; a daughter-in-law, Alice (Gingerich) and Dean Bontrager of Shipshewana; a brother, George Gingerich of Bloomfield, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Levi Petersheim of Kenton, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Calvin Gingerich; a brother, Obed Gingerich; and three sisters, Lizzie Beachy, Katie Borntrager and Vernie Duckworth.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence with Bishop Alton Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Martha Harding

AVILLA — Martha Anna Harding, 96, of Avilla died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Harding was a homemaker. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1927 and attended Manchester College.

She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in rural Garrett. She loved the outdoors, music, flowers and art.

She was born March 18, 1910, in LaOtto to Claude F. and Mary I. (Hodgden) Hanson. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Roland G. Harding Sr., preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Rosalie Renkenberger of St. Joe and Carol Ann Wagner of Garrett; three sons, Kenneth Harding of Auburn, Daniel Harding of Corunna and Leland Harding of Fort Wayne; a brother, Marvin E. of Iowa; 17 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Roland G. Harding Jr.; and two sisters, Ruth Weise and Florence Bloom.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, 5952 C.R. 7, Garrett. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren and Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

## Adrienne Carter

AUBURN — Adrienne (Stearman) Carter, 80, of Auburn died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at her home.

**Mrs. Carter**

Mrs. Carter was a legal secretary and a court recorder in Ohio County, Ky. She was a graduate of Bowling Green University in Kentucky.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, whose faith was her life. She enjoyed teaching Sunday school and camping with her family.

She was born Jan. 13, 1926, in Centertown, Ky., to Alvin and Florine (Miller) Stearman. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Ray Carter on June 30, 1942, in Sacramento, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Karen Carter of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Mike Pettis of Angola, Karen and Steve Baut of Indianapolis and Beth and Jim Martin of Auburn; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Wendy Pettis, Andrea Pettis, Allison Baut, Christopher Baut, Matthew Carter, Audria Carter, Josh Martin and Zach Martin; and two great-grandchildren, Paige Pettis and Caden Pettis.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Dr. Leslie Moody will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grace Baptist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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## Irwin McMillan

GARRETT — Irwin B. "Mac" McMillan, 82, of Garrett died at 10:14 a.m. Sunday, May 21, 2006, in Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

**Mr. McMillan**

Mr. McMillan worked as a conductor on the B&O Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, the First Christian Church in Auburn, the Garrett Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. McMillan was also a member of the United Transportation Union and the former Skirts and Shirts square dance club.

He was born June 14, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Harry I. and Clara (O'Connor) McMillan.

He married Winifred M. Snook on July 10, 1942, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney B. and Pamela McMillan of Virginia Beach, Va., and David J. and Sharon McMillan of New Paris; a daughter, Jodi Alwood of Montgomery, Ala.; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and six sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral h

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church in Auburn or Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

## Jimmy Hodgdon

CONCHO, Ariz. — Jimmy D. Hodgdon, 35, of Concho and formerly of Edgerton, Ohio, died May 13, 2006, in Eagers, Ariz.

Mr. Hodgdon attended Harlan Elementary School in Harlan, Edgerton High School and 4-County Joint Vocational School in Archbold, Ohio. He was employed as a construction worker in Concho. He participated in Cub Scouts while growing up in Edgerton.

He was born Jan. 23, 1971, in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., to Jimmy B. Wertman and Ruth (Simmons) Hodgdon.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Ruth and Robert Mayer of Fremont; his father and stepmother, Jimmy B. and Jane Wertman of Columbia, Ohio; a brother, Charles Hodgdon of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jeanne and John McRae of Bradenton, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Sgt. George Hodgdon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the family, the charity of the donor's choice or planting a tree in Mr. Hodgdon's memory.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com

THE NEWS SUN
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# 'Multiple' hammer blows killed man

**BY MATT GETTS**
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CROMWELL — The victim of a fatal assault Sunday in Shady Acres Mobile Home Court died from blunt force trauma.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said Monday Robert H. Moser, 29, of Syracuse had been struck "multiple" times in the back of the head with a carpenter's claw hammer. The manner of death has been listed as the county's first homicide of 2006.

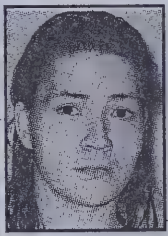
Christine A. Ratliff, 29, of Ligonier remains in custody in the Noble County Jail after allegedly confessing Sunday afternoon to killing Moser, her boyfriend, at Shady Acres Mobile Home Court.

According to the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Ratliff walked into the jail at 5:16 p.m. and advised a confinement officer that she had killed Moser.

Officers found Moser in a rear bedroom of a mobile home at Lot 154 of Shady Acres Mobile Home Court, located on C.R. 900W outside Cromwell.

Ratliff is being held without bond in the Noble County Jail.

Noble County Prosecuting Attorney Steve Clouse said this morning he was waiting to hear additional information from detectives investigating the case before filing charges. Charges could be filed as soon as today.



**Ratliff**

According to Gaff, Moser died at approximately 10 a.m. on Sunday. Gaff said an autopsy revealed Moser had been struck "multiple" times with the hammer, causing injuries to the skull and brain.

Gaff said Moser would have been rendered unconscious "immediately" and that death came shortly thereafter.

Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman said Ratliff and Moser had been remodeling the trailer together for several days. Neither of the two had been living in the trailer at the time of Sunday's incident.

According to Clouse, neither Moser nor Ratliff had a criminal history in Noble County.

The investigation is continuing by detectives with the sheriff's department, assisted by the Indiana State Police, Noble County Coroner's Office and the Noble County Prosecutor's Office.

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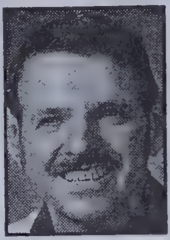
**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun to include a photo.*

## Denis Antrup

ANGOLA — Denis T. Antrup, 61, of Angola died Friday, May 12, 2006, at North Lakes Rehabilitation Center in Merrillville.


Mr. Antrup

Mr. Antrup was born July 10, 1944, in Tampa, Fla., to Charles and Hildred (Todd) Antrup. He was married to Kim Crowl on Sept. 26, 1981, in Fremont. She survives.

He was a former employee of Butler Jack Factory in Butler. He enjoyed NASCAR racing and local racing at the Angola Motor Speedway. He lived most of his life in the Fremont and Steuben County areas. His nickname was the "Can Man," as he would go to baseball games and pick up cans. He loved animals, especially his cats.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Nedra and Doug Fulk of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Christen and Molly Antrup of Holland, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, David Antrup, on April 12, 1988.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

## Robert Thompson

AUBURN — Robert Kendall Thompson, 47, died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Thompson was born in Huntington and had lived at Resident Care for the past 28 years, receiving loving care from his caregivers.

Surviving are his mother, Carolyn Toner of Tampa, Fla.; his father, Karl C. Thompson of Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Canada; a brother, David Thompson of Sarasota, Fla.; and two sisters, Cynthia Thompson of Apollo Beach, Fla., and Elizabeth Thompson of Tampa.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Thompson in 1992; and his grandparents, Russell and Ruth Thompson and Everett and Bertha Bigelow.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Jerry Felts officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery at Andrews.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

## Ruth Bodnar

FORT WAYNE — Ruth M. Bodnar, 75, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Bodnar was a cashier and in sales at Wells Street Hardware for 19 years, retiring in 1997.

She was a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Mrs. Bodnar was born May 29, 1930, in Muskegon, Mich.

Surviving are her husband, Gerald Bodnar; three sons and daugthers-in-law, Jim and Linda Bodnar of Churubusco and Ken and Linda Bodnar and Mark and Cindy Bodnar, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deb and Mark Kitt of Albion and Cheryl and Kevin Ruch of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Paul Gilbert and Don Gilbert, both of Muskegon, Tom Gilbert of Fruitport, Mich., and John "Jack" Gilbert of Aurora, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church with Monsignor William Lester officiating.

Callign will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

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## Brian Hart

HOWE — Brian Alan Hart, 44, of Howe died Monday, May 22, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Hart

Mr. Hart was retired from the U.S. Air Force where he served from Jan. 19, 1981, to March 14, 1992.

He had spent his entire life in LaGrange County except for the years he was in the military.

Mr. Hart was a member of Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church.

He was born Jan. 20, 1962, in LaGrange. His father and stepmother, Gregory and Mary Hart, survive in LaGrange. His mother, Shirley M. (Munson) Hart, also survives in LaGrange.

He married Lynda S. Kinsman on April 18, 1986, in Howe. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are two daughters, Samantha Hart and Roxanne Hart, both at home; a son, Michael Hart, at home; a sister and brother-in-law, Pamela and Dale Fry of LaGrange; and a brother, Bret Hart of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Delmer Hart, on Sept. 29, 2003.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Howe United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with military services by members of LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Marvin Green

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Marvin E. Green, 87, of Montgomery, Mich., and more recently of Leesburg, Fla., died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at the home of his son, while under the care of the Lake County, Fla., Hospice.

Surviving are his wife, Priscilla; a son, Jeffrey; and two daughters, Connie and Cynthia.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

The family requests that no flowers be sent to the Florida residence at this time. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Priscilla Green, care of Jeffrey Green, 1522 Warrington Way, Trinity, FL 34655.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of local arrangements.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun with a correction in the date of the memorial service.*

## George Hunter

MARION, Ohio — A memorial service for George Howard Hunter will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Mr. Hunter

Calling will be Saturday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Hunter, 72, of Marion, Ohio, died Friday, May 5, 2006, at his home.

He was a former employee of the Old Crown Brewery in Fort Wayne. In 1986, he retired from Hubert Shovel Co. in Marion. After his retirement, he worked for a number of people in Marion with his lawn care service.

He was a Seventh Day Adventist, an avid reader and a member of book clubs. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born July 5, 1933, in Dayton, Ohio, to Cashus and Francis (Rammer) Hunter. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Audrey and Gary Strodtman of Auburn and Rosalie and John Fugate of Auburn; four grandchildren, Shannon Rowe, Molly Rosenbury, James Hunter and Tiffany Fugate; two stepgrandchildren, Sherrie Fugate and Frinces Fugate; eight great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and his former wife, Pearl McKinney.

The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate at Saturday's memorial service. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Memorials are to the family.

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## Kenneth Felger

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth F. Felger, 95, of rural Churubusco died at 1 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2006, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Felger

Mr. Felger had lived all of his life in Eel River Township in Allen County and at his present address since 1977.

He was engaged in farming during his adult years on the land that his father had purchased. He maintained a concern for soil conservation. After his sons assumed the farming operation, he maintained a vital interest in the progress and harvesting of their crops.

Mr. Felger graduated from Churubusco High School in 1928.

He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake Township. He had also been active in the Allen County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Felger enjoyed playing dart ball, fishing, gardening, hunting and traveling.

He was born Aug. 12, 1910, in Allen County to George and Louisa (Gehring) Felger. He married LaVon I. Allman on Aug. 4, 1934. She died May 24, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Shirley Robinson of Fort Wayne and Linda and Leonard "Jake" Gaff of Huntertown; four sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth L. "Bud" and Gladys Felger, Allan W. and Marolyn Felger, Ronald and Rhonda Felger and Don G. and Fran Felger, all of Churubusco; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Caroline Lamle and Edith Holt, and five brothers, Ernest Felger, Charles Felger, Robert Felger, Luther Felger and George Felger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7914 W. Cook Road, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church, Heartland Hospice in Fort Wayne or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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## Dorothy Moody

HEPHZIBAH, Ga. — Dorothy Moody, 81, of Hephzibah, Ga., died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Moody lived in Waterloo for 28 years before moving to Georgia in 1999.

Surviving are her husband, Manley Moody; two daughters, Connie Burke of Auburn and her fiancé, Denver Kimpel, and Kay Hill of Riverside, Calif.; a son, William Moody of Wauseon, Ohio; four brothers, including Steve Simmering of Butler; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Burial will be Friday in Greenview, Ill.

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## Gladys Klausing

GARRETT — Gladys Marie (Dannenberg) Klausing, 89, of Garrett died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Klausing

Mrs. Klausing retired from Lynn Koehlinger Co. in Fort Wayne after 38 1/2 years of service as a computer operator and bookkeeper. She also worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and at Nature's Rival and Hardware Engineering in Garrett.

She had lived since Nov. 24, 1938, at her Garrett home, located one-half mile from her birth home.

She was born Dec. 17, 1916, to John and Sarah (Peters) Dannenberg.

She was married to John Klausing on Nov. 24, 1938, in the Garrett Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church by the Rev. Walter Klausing and the Rev. Alfred Lueders. Her husband preceded her in death.

Surviving are seven nephews, Wayne Funk of Garrett, Robert Dannenberg of Fort Wayne, Stanley Dannenberg of California, David Dannenberg of California, John Cutter of South Bend, Larry Funk of Spencerville and Donald Funk of Connersville; and two nieces, Linda Burnhart of Fort Wayne and Marge Arnold of Decatur.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Dorothy Cutter, Irene Odenkirk and Hilda Funk; and two brothers, Harold Dannenberg and Delbert Dannenberg, who was killed on Okinawa during World War II.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Jeffery Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

## Robert Wyneken

PRYOR, Okla. — Robert C. Wyneken, 92, of Pryor, Okla., and formerly of Clear Lake died Saturday, May 20, 2006.

Mr. Pryor was born April 15, 1914, to Edmund and Anna (Rodenbeck) Wyneken. He married Lois Franklin in 1934, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 22, 1976. He later married Ruth Schmoll, and she preceded him in death in July 1997.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the Indiana Technical Institute. He was a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church and a member of the Clear Lake Lions. He enjoyed jazz and big band music.

He loved playing golf, even moving to Florida for a while so he could play whenever he wanted to. He enjoyed traveling and did so extensively. He loved the water and enjoyed fishing and boating.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Linda Wyneken of Pryor; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed and June Wyneken of Venice, Fla., and Don and Susan Wyneken of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Jon and Sandy Schmoll of Valparaiso and Bill and Janet Schmoll of Minneapolis; four grandchildren and their spouses, Paige and Grant Yaney, Brook Wyneken, Beth and Carlton Hayes and Martin Wyneken; seven great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Claire Yaney, Alyssa and Cadence Postoak, Tia Hayes, Jaden Hayes and Carlton Hayes; four stepgrandchildren, Katie, Steven, Nathan and Aaron; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jim Wyneken, and his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating.

Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Bill and Jon Schmoll, Carlton Hayes Sr., Grant Yaney and Nathan Schmoll.

Calling will be Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737.

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## Herbert Sleesman

COLDWATER, Mich. — Herbert I.M. Sleesman, 72, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Bryan, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Sleesman

Mr. Sleesman was born Nov. 12, 1933, in Bryan to I.M. and Wilma (Hagerty) Sleesman. He married Phyllis A. Gonter on July 26, 1957, in Pulaski, Ohio. She survives.

He was an Army veteran, serving in the Korean War. He was the assistant plant manager for Mark 1 Molded Plastics in Jonesville, Mich., for 26 years, retiring in 1998. Prior to that, he was employed at Bryan Custom Plastics in Bryan.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Pamela and Barry Rinard of Quincy, Mich., and Jackie and Robert Henley of Litchfield, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Herbert II and LaRita Sleesman of Camden, Mich., and David Sleesman of Coldwater; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Emma Sleesman of Kendallville; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Wayne and Norman Sleesman; a sister, Maxine Schlegel; and a daughter-in-law, Deborah Sleesman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Krill Funeral Home, Bryan, with Jeffrey Wollum officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Lifespan Hospice.

Condolences may be sent and the guest register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

## Anita Blazek

HAMILTON — Anita L. Blazek, 63, of Hamilton died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Blazek was a former cashier for Village Foods in Hamilton. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Butler post of the American Legion.

She was born Nov. 9, 1941, in Parker, Ind., to Emery F. and Stella (Harness) Wood. They preceded her in death.

She married Dave Blazek on June 9, 1959, in Miami, Fla. He survives.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dave Blazek Jr. and Lisa Blazek of Avilla (Dave Blazek Jr. is currently stationed in Kuwait, serving with the U.S. Navy.); a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Mark Ferrel of Brighton, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank T. and Esther Wood of Muncie and Robert E. and Roberta Wood of Vernon; and five grandchildren, Joshua, Jeremy and Brittney Blazek and Elaine and Jeffrey Ferrel.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Danelle Blazek.

A memorial service will be Saturday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

## Beulah Antonides

HOWE — Beulah I. Antonides, 91, of Howe died at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Antonides was a homemaker. She had been employed at Transagram Toys and Home Plating, both in Sturgis, Mich. She retired in 1974.

She was a member of Missionary Church in LaGrange and the Ontario Home Extension Club.

Mrs. Antonides was born Jan. 10, 1915, in LaGrange County to William "Bill" and Lillie (Malone) Hartman. She married Dale Antonides on Feb. 11, 1939. He died Oct. 18, 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Mary Ellen Antonides of Morris, Ill.; a daughter, Linda Antonides of Howe; four grandchildren, Ronda Clark, Ruth Ellen Mcatee, Rodney Antonides and W.M. Antonides; and three great-grandchildren, Trevor Antonides, Melissa Antonides and Sean Mcatee.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at LaGrange Missionary Church with the Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging or the Howe Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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## John Helmuth

WOLCOTTVILLE — John I. Helmuth, 84, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Helmuth was a farmer and had been employed at Moorman Feed Sales.

He had lived in Wolcottville most of his life.

Mr. Helmuth was a member of Lake Bethel Mennonite Church.

He was born Dec. 20, 1921, in Arthur, Ill., to Isaac J. and Lydia (Miller) Helmuth. He married Sovilla M. Kaufman on Nov. 5, 1942, in LaGrange County and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Melvin and Marcia Helmuth of Hudson, Eli Helmuth of Angola and Stan Helmuth of Pleasant Lake; two brothers, Reuben Helmuth of LaGrange and Melvin Helmuth of San Marcos, Calif.; a sister, Mattie Frey of Goshen; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; his mother; his stepmother, Suzie Troyer Miller Helmuth; a son, Ervin Helmuth in 1959; a sister, Bessie Miller; and a brother, Jacob Helmuth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with Dave Hathaway officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Lake Bethel Mennonite Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

## Robert Moser

CROMWELL — Robert H. "Rob" Moser, 29, of Cromwell and formerly of North Webster died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Moser was a lifetime area resident and had attended Wawasee High School.

He was a self-employed carpenter and construction worker.

Mr. Moser was born July 3, 1976, in Goshen to Gerry and Janlyn (Anderson) Moser.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Gerry and Glenda Moser of North Webster; his mother and stepfather, Janlyn and Keith Schumacher of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kirsten and Amanda Moser, both of Fort Wayne; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Shelly Moser of Fort Wayne and Angela and Ryan Keiper of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Private family burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Robert H. Moser Memorial Fund care of Owen Family Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

## Alma Amburgey

EMMALENA, Ky. — Alma Jean Amburgey, 50, of Emmalena died Monday, May 22, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Mrs. Amburgey was born July 13, 1955, to Bill and Emmaline (Ritchie) Patrick.

Surviving are her husband, Ray Amburgey; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Chris and LaDawn Amburgey of Lotts Creek, Ky., Shane and TeShauna Amburgey of Cumberland, Ky., and Kyle Amburgey of Emmalena; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenn and Joan Patrick of LaGrange, Talbert and Joy Patrick of Wawaka, Joe Lee and Gladys Carter of Clear Creek, Ky., Donnie and Edna Patrick of Talcum, Ky., and Daniel and Pat Patrick of Lexington; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ilene and Willis Dobson of Auburn, Lillie Slone of Lexington and Mary Ann Ritchie of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; two uncles, Carl Ritchie and Estill Ritchie; and two grandchildren, Chase and Christa.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Montgomery Baptist Church with Ricky Smith and Randall Short officiating. Burial will be in Combs Cemetery at Emmalena.

Calling will be after 6 p.m. today and all day Thursday at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with a service at 7 p.m. each day.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hindmanfuneralservices.com.

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## Jack Farver Sr.

WATERLOO — Jack M. Farver Sr., 68, died May 16, 2006, at Beverly Rehab.

Mr. Farver was a millwright for 30 years for Local Union 1029.

He was born June 25, 1937, in Hamilton.

Surviving are his wife, Lottie; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Otto Alleshouse; a son, Jack Farver Jr.; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Judy Farver; a sister-in-law, Beverly Farver; a nephew and his wife, Stan and Diane Logan; and his grandchildren, Mellisa, Crystal, Ryan and Lee.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 6 p.m. in Crosswood Center, 5355 C.R. 35, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601.

Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

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# Woman held in Cromwell murder investigation

by Mark Hunter

A Ligonier woman who told police she killed her boyfriend was being held after police found the man's body near Cromwell Sunday afternoon.

Christine A. Ratliff, 29, walked into the lobby of the Noble County Sheriff's Department at about 5:16 p.m. and told a confinement officer about the death, according to police. She is currently being held in the jail without bond.

Police retrieved a key and entered a home in Shady Acres Mobile Home Park along CR 900W, where they found a man dead in a rear bedroom.

Technicians from the Indiana State Police were called in to process evidence at the scene, as officials worked late into the night to investigate the incident.

The man, who has been identified as Robert H. Moser, 29, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office. His last known address was Syracuse.

Results of an autopsy released Monday afternoon indicated that Moser died of blunt force trauma of the head. His death was ruled a homicide by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

A claw hammer was apparently the weapon used to kill Moser who had been struck numerous times in the head.

According to Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman, Ratliff and Moser had been remodeling the trailer together, and apparently no one was living there at the time. The chain of events that led to the death was not yet certain.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said Tuesday afternoon that he has until Thursday at 11 a.m. to file charges.

Although Moser has a criminal history in both Allen and Kosciusko Counties which includes several battery charges and at least one alcohol offense, Prosecutor Clouse said Tuesday that drugs and alcohol are not believed to be factors in the homicide.

Ratliff is scheduled for initial hearing in the homicide at 1:15 p.m. Thursday before Judge Stephen Spindler in Noble Superior Court, Division I.

Christine A. Ratliff

Law enforcement officers are continuing their investigation into the causes and background of the incident.

Agencies assisting on Sunday night included the Sheriff's Department, State Police, Coroner's and Prosecutor's Office, Noble County EMS, and Cromwell Police Department.

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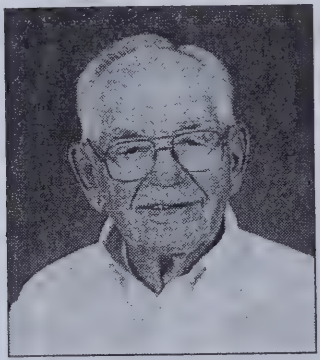

# Eugene J. "Ike" Lamle, 92

Eugene J. *"Ike"* Lamle, 92 a resident of rural Churubusco in Noble County, died at 8:10 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. He had been a patient there for the past year.

Mr. Lamle was born on April 3, 1914 in Lake Township in Allen County, a son of David John and Katherine (Klotz) Lamle, and spent his formative years on the family farm near Arcola.

On December 14, 1940 he was married in Lake Township to Lois M. Nolt, and served with the U.S, Army Air Corps during World War II. He spent all of his married life in the Churubusco area, and had lived at his present residence in Green Township since 1957.

A retired Green Township farmer, he was also a retired carpenter for Union Local 232, retiring from there in 1979. He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, and in his leisure time enjoyed fishing, his livestock, Indiana University basketball, Indianapolis Colts football, visiting with people, and most especially enjoyed his grandchildren.

Mrs. Lamle preceded him in death on May 27, 1994.

The surviving relatives include two daughters Bonnie (Keith) DePew and Debra (Ronald) Baughman, both of Churubusco; two sons Dennis (Karen) Lamle of Salt Lake City, and Michael (Robyn) Lamle of Syracuse; seven grandchildren. and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by six sisters Gertrude Falsing, Martha Sneider, Lena Scott, Amelia Bowsman, Katherine Gumm, and Elsie Lamle; and by two brothers Clarence Lamle and Gotlieb Lamle.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 19 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United methodist Church, officiated.

Mr. Lamle was buried with military graveside rites at Eel River Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church or to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

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## Raymond Rutherford, 74

ALBION – Raymond McCoy "Pockie" Rutherford, 74, died Friday, May 17, 2006, at 1:15 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient since Tuesday.

He was a machinist welder at Supreme Corp. in Goshen and also a journeyman welder.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Rutherford was born Sept. 18, 1931, in Cranberry, W.Va., to Arthur Ray and Pauline (Smith) Rutherford.

He moved from West Virginia and lived most of his life in Albion.

Mr. Rutherford married Sandra Kay Iddings in Kendallville on Oct. 26, 1959. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Toni and Jack Ridenour of Fort Wayne and Trina and Mark Krueger of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Laurie Rutherford of Kendallville and Toby and Danielle Rutherford of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Johnny Chowis of Virginia, Jean and Tom Weber and Norma and Jack Hawkins, all of North Carolina, and Carol Prossit of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Pat Rutherford.

Services were held Monday, May 22, 2006, at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs presiding. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Five Corners Baptist Church or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Paul Parker, 80

KENDALLVILLE – Paul Duane Parker, 80, a native of Kendallville, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at his home in Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Parker retired in 1990 from the Glass, Molders, Potters and Allied Workers Union after 43 years of continuous, dedicated service as the treasurer and financial secretary of Local 262 in Kendallville.

He was an international trustee, financial secretary and international representative of the G.M.P. Mr. Parker retired with 10 retirement parties given by grateful members as the international vice president of the G.M.P.

He served on the United Way Board of Directors of Kendallville, was an active life member and four-year commander of V.F.W. Post 2749 of Kendallville. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 and the Eagles Lodge, both in Kendallville. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge in Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Parker served his country in the United States Navy from 1943-46.

He was born in Kendallville on Dec. 12, 1925.

Survivors are his wife, Barbara Jacobson Parker of Sebring; one brother, Robert Parker of Tiggott, Ark.; two sons, Mitchell Parker of Vietnam and Patrick Parker of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two daughters, Charil Trowbridge and Janine Cole, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; 10 great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial and military honors at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers were Joe Parker, Curt Parker, Matthew Trowbridge, Joshua Cole, Mark Ballard and Jerry Miller.

Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association or to the Alzheimer's Association.

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# Garry L. Strowmatt, 52

Garry L. Strowmatt, 52, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 1:23 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2006 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health since March.

Mr. Strowmatt was born in Weirton, West Virginia on May 26, 1953, a son of William and Nancy (Bonar) Strowmatt and moved with his family to Wolcottville in 1966.

As a young man, he served with special forces in the U.S. Army and had been employed for the past 23 years as a welding foreman at Wirco, Inc. in Avilla.

He moved to Churubusco in 1995, and his marriage took place in Noble County on May 11, 1996 to Darla Keller.

The surviving relatives include his wife Darla; his children Jessica Strowmatt at home, Garry (Mandy) Strowmatt, Jr. and Tim Thompson, both of Angola, Janet Strowmatt of Kendallville, Dawn (Brian) Rottger of North Manchester, and Adam Thompson of Churubusco; his father William Strowmatt of Garrett; a sister Karen (Jim) Perry of Strasburg, Penn; three brothers Bill (Judy) Strowmatt of Apache Junction, Ariz., Jerry (Kathy) Strowmatt of Kendallville, and Tim (Susan) Strowmatt of Mishawaka; and twelve grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother Nancy Strowmatt.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 24 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Pastors Monte Harlan and William Cupp of Bear Lake Ministries, officiated.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

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# Murder charged in hammer death

## MURDER: *Charge carries sentence of 45-65 years*

**BY BOB BRALEY**
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ALBION — A murder charge has been filed in the death by hammer blows of a Cromwell man Sunday.

Christine A. Ratliff, 29, of Ligonier was charged with murder, a felony, in Noble Superior Court Div. 1 at approximately 9 a.m. today by Noble County Prosecutor Steven T. Clouse.

Ratliff allegedly confessed Sunday to killing Robert H. Moser, 29, at a mobile home they were remodeling in Shady Acres Mobile Home Park. She allegedly came into the lobby of the Noble County Jail and confessed there. She has been housed there ever since pending charges.

Ratliff

In court documents filed today, Clouse alleges that Ratliff killed Moser by striking him "a bunch" of times with a hammer while the two were at Lot 154 in Shady Acres.

Moser's time of death was listed as being between 10 a.m. and noon Sunday.

Clouse said Ratliff's statements Sunday were useful in allowing officers to locate the alleged murder weapon and the clothing she wore at the time of the alleged murder.

Filing documents allege no motive in the case. "It would be inappropriate for me or anyone else to comment on the perceived motive at this time," Clouse said in a press release.

Clouse had requested 72 hours to review law enforcement reports before filing charges. "I am confident the correct charge has been filed," he said in a press release.

The case has been investigated by Detective Joe Hutsell and Detective Shawn Dunafin of the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Ratliff is set to appear this afternoon in Noble Superior Court for an initial hearing in the case.

A murder charge carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years in prison under Indiana law. Under certain circumstances, the prosecutor may seek either the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole. Clouse did not indicate this morning if he would pursue those options.

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## Helen Booth

HOWE — Helen A. Glotfelty Booth, 80, of Howe and McHenry, Md., died Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at McHenry.

Mrs. Booth was owner/operator of Double G Ranch in McHenry. She was a member of McHenry United Methodist Church and McHenry United Methodist Woman. She had held various church offices.

She was active with the Garrett County Fair.

Mrs. Booth was born July 3, 1925, in Accident, Md., to Harry P. and Altha (Hockman) Collier.

Mrs. Booth was owner/operator of Double G Ranch in McHenry. She was a member of McHenry United Methodist Church and McHenry United Methodist Woman. She had held various church offices.

She was active with the Garrett County Fair.

Surviving are her husband, William P. Booth; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Denny and Sandy Glotfelty and Warren and Addie Glotfelty, all of McHenry, and John Glotfelty of Greensburg, Pa.; a stepson, W. Print Booth of Howe; two stepdaughters, Barbara Lehmer and Karmen Booth, both of Phoenix, Ariz; a sister Joanne Durst of Accident, Md.; five grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Gerald Glotfelty, and a sister, Leah Brenneman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in McHenry United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Dawson officiating. Burial will be in Garrett County Memorial Gardens in Oakland, Md.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today and Friday at Newman Funeral Homes, P.A., 26722 Garrett Highway, Accident, Md., and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad, McHenry United Methodist Church or Hospice of Garrett County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.

## Donnelda Detter

WAUSEON, Ohio — Donnelda K. "Dottie" Detter, 83, of Pettisville died Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at Fulton County Health Center.

She was a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Wauseon and the Wauseon American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Detter was born in Wauseon on Aug. 9, 1922, to Joseph and Lilah (Gordon) Vonier. She married Waldo Detter on April 9, 1944, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Diane Detter of Stryker and Michael and Stephanie Detter of Kendallville; three daughters and a son-in-law, Dianna Detter of Mesa, Ariz., Deb Schmitt and Bob Bracey of Decatur and Marcia and Jeff Grant of West Unity; eight grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren, and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Daryl Kleck of Delta.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Neil Vonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Wauseon with the Rev. Charles Althoff officiating. Burial will be in Wauseon Union Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon.

Memorials are to Emmaus Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association.

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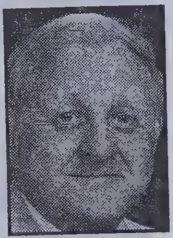
## Larry Randolph

FORT WAYNE — Larry L. Randolph, 71, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Randolph

Mr. Randolph was a board member of the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States in Auburn and had a love of antique cars.

He retired from The Medical Protective Co. with 35 years of service.

He was past president of the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society and played a key role in restoring the Nickel-Plate 765 locomotive.

He fought a long battle with ALS and was a member of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 1, 1935, in Huntington and was a graduate of New Haven High School.

Surviving are his wife, Darlene Randolph of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Joanne Randolph and Darrell and Charlene Randolph, all of Fort Wayne, and Dr. Todd and Laura Randolph of Park City, Utah; seven grandchildren, Erica, Jena, Alyssa, Chelsea, Connor, Ally and Renae; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Valentina Randolph of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Phillip Emerson officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2- 5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the ALS Foundation or the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

## Michael Ireland

FORT WAYNE — Michael D. Ireland, 57, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Ireland had been a certified nursing assistant for 30 years.

He was a native of Madison, Wis. His mother, Evelyn Bingham, survives in LaCrosse, Wis.

Also surviving are his wife, Patricia, of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Jennifer Ireland of Fort Wayne, David and Zandra Ireland of Petaluma, Calif., and Rick and Cathy Cook of Indianapolis; a daughter, Rebecca Cook of Lawrenceville, Ga.; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Douglas and Susan Ireland of Baraboo, Wis., Delmer and Barbara Ireland of Olympia, Wash., and Robert Bingham of Merrimac, Wis.; a sister, Barbara Bingham-Smith of LaCrosse; and 17 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the home of Donald Ireland.

Memorials are to the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## W. Bryce Armstrong

LIGONIER — W. Bryce Armstrong, 40, of Ligonier died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong worked in the construction of towers for T-Square Millwright Service in North Webster.

He was a 1984 graduate of West Noble High School and a member of the Ligonier Eagles Lodge and a follower of the Golden Rule.

Mr. Armstrong was an avid Denver Broncos football fan and John Elway was his favorite football player.

He enjoyed fishing and camping with his sons and spending time with his friends.

Mr. Armstrong was born Oct. 11, 1965, in Kendallville to Bill and Thelma (Moser) Armstrong. His father and stepmother, Bill and Patti Armstrong, survive in Ligonier and his mother and stepfather, Thelma and Wayne Bryant, survive in Chester, Ill.

Surviving are two sons, Bryce Armstrong and Nicholas Kelly Armstrong, both of Ligonier; a brother and his fiance, Patrick "Booter" Armstrong and Sara Thornsberry of Cromwell; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kelly and Jay Jackson of Attica and Heather Marquez of Goshen; his grandmother, Wanda Armstrong of Syracuse; special friends, the DeWayne and Sandy Bontrager family of Ligonier; his former wife, Cheri Newcomer; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the Bryce and Nicholas Armstrong Trust Fund care of Lake City Bank in Ligonier.

## Robert Moser

CROMWELL — Robert H. "Rob" Moser, 29, of Cromwell and formerly of North Webster died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Moser was a lifetime area resident and had attended Wawasee High School.

He was a self-employed carpenter and construction worker.

Mr. Moser was born July 3, 1976, in Goshen to Gerry and Janlyn (Anderson) Moser.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Gerry and Glenda Moser of North Webster; his mother and stepfather, Janlyn and Keith Schumacher of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Kirsten and Amanda Moser, both of Fort Wayne; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Shelly Moser of Fort Wayne and Angela and Ryan Keiper of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Private family burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Robert H. Moser Memorial Fund care of Owen Family Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

## Gordon Carpenter

SYRACUSE — Gordon Robert "Gordy" Carpenter, 67, died of natural causes at 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 18, 1939, in Chicago.

He married Victoria Wilson Dec. 6, 1979.

He was a lifetime local resident who also lived in Fort Meyers Beach, Fla.

A former Marine mechanic, he worked for Griffith's Marina, Syracuse, and Tippecanoe Boat Co., Leesburg. He was the former owner of G&G Texaco Station, Syracuse, and semi-retired from South Shore Golf Course.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Maxwelton Golf Club and South Shore Golf Course, all in Syracuse.

He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1956 and attended Purdue University.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Teresa (William) Edmiston of Atlanta, and Lydia (Drew) Mihalik of Findlay, Ohio; two sons, Gordon Gregory Carpenter of Laguna Beach, Calif., and Nick Carpenter of Cromwell; and two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were Saturday, May 13, at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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## Dorothy Stout

MIDDLEBURY — Dorothy Hocking Stout, 73, of Middlebury died at 3:05 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital.

**Stout**

Mrs. Stout had moved to the area in 1971 from Oklahoma.

She was a homemaker and had a Bachelor's of Science degree in home economics from Ohio University.

Mrs. Stout an accomplished violinist and loved to garden.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Middlebury and the Middlebury Garden Club.

She was born April 6, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Ashley and Olive (Hover) Hocking. She married Gene Stout on Nov. 20, 1955. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Dianne and Lynn Kliewer, Dolores Stout and Dee and Jimmy Koontz, all of Middlebury, Deneen and Bill Seigler of Elkhart and Darla and Ken Bechlem of Topeka; five sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Phyllis Stout, David and Laura Stout and Dale and Julie Stout, all of Goshen, Duane and Jennifer Stout of Kenosha, Wis., and Dean and Rhonda Stout of Elkhart; a brother, Dan Hocking of McDonough, Ga.; 35 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Debra Stout; and a son, Dennis Stout.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

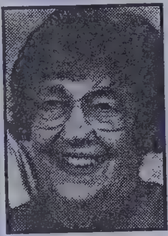
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Nari Buttgen

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — Nari Buttgen, 76, formerly of Davenport, Iowa, and a resident of Apache Junction, Ariz., died Thursday, May 18, 2006, at the Banner Gardens Hospice House in East Mesa, Ariz.


**Buttgen**

Mrs. Buttgen was born to Christ and Anna Chirpas in Indianapolis on Aug. 2, 1929. She was raised in Indianapolis where she graduated from Howe High School, and also attended Indiana University.

She married Kenneth E. Buttgen Sr. of Davenport, on Dec. 17, 1948, in Indianapolis. He survives.

Other survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law: Kenneth E. Buttgen Jr. and Janet White of Davenport, Iowa, Robert and Julia Buttgen of Ligonier, Ind., and Joseph and Darlene Buttgen of Newport, Ark.; three grandsons, Dondi Buttgen of Australia, Christopher Buttgen of Newport, Ark., and Marcus White of Davenport; two grandaughters, Anna and Sarah Buttgen of Ligonier; a sister, Lula Bonsett of Indianapolis; two sisters-in-law, Patsy Meinert of LeClaire, Iowa, and Ruth Buttgen of Dallas, Texas; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Gus Chirpas of Martinsville, Ind.

She was a longtime member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Davenport, and Desert Chapel United Methodist Church in Apache Junction.

Mrs. Buttgen was active in various civic and educational endeavors and spent many hours volunteering for her children's schools. She was a past president of the Johnson School PTA in Davenport, and an officer with the Wheel and Canvas camping club. She was also active with the Lost Dutchman Mobile Home Park in Arizona.

She worked as a Kelly Girl for many years and also was employed at Duffy Paper Co., Rock Island, before retiring.

Mrs. Buttgen loved to go camping, play cards, watch basketball on TV and spend time with her family and friends.

Cremation will take place in Arizona, and a memorial service is planned by the family at a later date. Memorials are in Mrs. Buttgen's name to Banner Gardens Hospice House, 7231 E. Broadway Road, Mesa, AZ 85208.

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## Initial Hearing In Murder Case

BOB BRALEY

**Christine Anne Ratliff, center, is escorted into the Noble County Courthouse this morning for a hearing in the murder case against her.**

# Hearing held in murder case

**BY BOB BRALEY**
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ALBION — Emotions were on the edge, but never went over it, during a hearing this morning in the alleged slaying by hammer blows of a Cromwell man.

The initial hearing in the case of Christine Anne Ratliff, 29, of Ligonier was originally scheduled for Thursday afternoon, but was postponed to this morning.

Ratliff is charged with murder in the death of Robert H. Moser, 29. She allegedly confessed to the murder to police Sunday, the same day she allegedly killed Moser with blows to the head with a hammer.

The number of people on hand prompted the case to be moved from the Noble Superior Court Division 1 courtroom into the larger Noble Circuit Courtroom.

A jail officer warned people in the courtroom before the hearing started that those who could not control their emotions would be asked to leave.

As Ratliff was led into the courthouse, and later the courtroom, she appeared upset, but she kept her composure throughout the hearing itself, only letting some emotion show again after the judge ended the procedure.

Superior Court Judge Stephen Spindler told Ratliff that no bond could be entered in the case. "Murder shall not be bailable when the proof is evident or the presumption (of guilt) is strong," he read from the law.

A preliminary plea of not guilty was automatically entered in the case. Noble County chief public defender James Abbs

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# **MURDER:** *Pretrial conference has been set for July 17*

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was appointed to represent Ratliff.

A pretrial conference was set for July 17.

The affidavit for probable cause alleges that Ratliff told at least three others she had killed Moser before telling the police, and that they saw the body.

According to the Indiana Department of Correction Web site, the victim in the case had a history of criminal offenses dating back to 1996, although none were in Noble County.

Arguably the most spectacular was his Allen County conviction of Nov. 18, 2003, for resisting law enforcement and unlawful firearm possession by a serious felon.

The projected release date for Moser's sentence in that case was May 4 of this year, according to the DOC Web site.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said this morning that Moser was released from either prison or parole on about that date, but he was not sure of which it was.

Moser was also convicted of several offenses in Kosciusko County, including two counts of escape on June 4, 1996, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated and resisting law enforcement on Dec. 15, 2003.

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## Lester Pletcher

LAGRANGE — Lester William Pletcher, 99, of LaGrange and formerly of Shipshewana died at 7 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Pletcher

Mr. Pletcher and his wife, Irma, founded Pletcher's Pacing Acres in Shipshewana in 1935. He raced many top horses in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. His grandsons continue his racing legacy.

He was inducted into the Indiana and Illinois Harness Horse Halls of Fame and honored in the Indiana and Illinois Winning Hall of Standard Breed Horse Racing. Some of the winning horses he bred and raced were Right Honor, Pacing Bay and Sherries Honor.

Mr. Pletcher was also a self-employed canned-milk hauler. He sold milk to Silver Cup Bread for 31 years and to County Line Cheese for 10 years.

He had also farmed and operated a truck hauling service.

He was born Nov. 26, 1906, in Millersburg to Landon and Luella (Johns) Pletcher. He married Irma J. Weirich on Oct. 26, 1929, in LaGrange. She died Oct. 3, 1998.

Surviving are three sons, Delmer Pletcher of Howe, Dwayne Pletcher of Shipshewana and Donald Pletcher of Elkhart; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma and Etril Leinbach of Goshen and Velda and Lee Hooley of Sturgis, Mich.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Leatha Yoder.

Services will be at 6 p.m.. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Dale Worcester officiating. Family graveside services will be at Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Marjorie Eldridge

CHICAGO — Marjorie E. Eldridge, 87, of Chicago died Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at Bethany Methodist Hospital in Chicago.

She worked as a secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Education in Chicago for more than 50 years, retiring in 1982.

She was born June 3, 1918, in Garrett to Walter I. and Edna M. (May) Eldridge.

Surviving are a sister, Sarah Jean Eldridge of Garrett, and a brother-in-law, Dale L. DePew of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lucile DePew.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna. The Rev. David Mix will officiate.

There will be no calling

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

## Loran Growcock

LIGONIER — Loran Dean Growcock, 47, of Ligonier died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Growcock

Mr. Growcock was a lifetime area resident and owner of Loran's Body Shop in Albion.

He was a member of the Millersburg RC Club. He enjoyed watching NASCAR racing events.

Mr. Growcock loved working on cars and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born April 7, 1959, in Goshen to Deo and Judy (Smith) Growcock. They are deceased.

Surviving are his finance and longtime companion, Sandra Bankson of Ligonier; a daughter, Toni (Bankson) Power and her husband, Tom Power, of Nevada; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Rod Growcock of Goshen, Larry and Dina Growcock of Italy and Blane Growcock of Elkhart; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. June 10 at the Needler residence, 69674 C.R. 21, New Paris.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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## Fannie Christner

LAGRANGE — Fannie Marie Christner, 75, of LaGrange died Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Christner

Mrs. Christner was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She retired as a clerk at Foltz Bakery in LaGrange.

Mrs. Christner was a member of Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

She was born Feb. 2, 1931, in LaGrange County to Jacob J.L. and Moda J. (Miller) Miller. She married Vernon J. Christner on May 12, 1951, in Shipshewana. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sherryl and Robert Rhinesmith of Wolcottville, Nedra and Francis Langley of Dover, Del., and Marsha and Leo Pineda of West Lafayette; two brothers, Edward Lee Miller and Joseph N. Miller, both of Bristol; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Shore Mennonite Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun with additional surviving relatives.*

## Jack Farver Sr.

WATERLOO — Jack M. Farver Sr., 68, died May 16, 2006, at Beverly Rehab.

Mr. Farver was a millwright for 30 years for Local Union 1029.

He was born June 25, 1937, in Hamilton.

Surviving are his wife, Lottie; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Otto Alleshouse; a son, Jack Farver Jr.; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Judy Farver; a sister-in-law, Beverly Farver; nephews, nieces and their spouses, Stan and Diane Logan, Bob and Jerry Farver, Dan and Ruth Farver, Breck and Julie Farver, Pam and John Kissinger, Mark and Melanie Farver, Ken and Dawn Farver and Eric Farver; and his grandchildren, Mellisa, Crystal, Ryan and Lee.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 6 p.m. in Crosswood Center, 5355 C.R. 35, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601.

Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

## William Gloor

TOPEKA — William F. Gloor, 73, of Topeka died at 11:13 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gloor

Mr. Gloor was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked in the RV industry and was proud to have been on the construction crew that built Westview High School.

Mr. Gloor enjoyed gardening and woodworking and was an avid Westview fan. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was born April 29, 1933, in Topeka to Gust and Mae (Bobeck) Gloor. He married Geraldine Fought on May 3, 1952, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Les Gloor of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Dan Pruitt of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, Jake and Marilyn Gloor of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Fred Merriman of Florida; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Gloor and LaVoid Lehman; and three sisters, Joan Wilson, Betty Hirschy and Beulah DeWitt.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Topeka United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Wyman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka United Methodist Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Lucille Socha

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille Eleanor Socha, 82, of Kendallville died Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Socha was born Oct. 27, 1923, in Cheboygan, Mich., to Edward A. and Emma (Knaffl) Neumann. She graduated from Cheboygan High School in 1941 and married Herman Julius Socha on July 22, 1943, in Cheboygan. He preceded her in death on June 22, 2000.

In 1969 she moved to Toledo, Ohio, where she lived until 1981. She then moved to Orangeburg, S.C., and lived there from 1982 until 2000. She moved to Kendallville to be near her son and daughter-in-law in 2001.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting, embroidery and sewing. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and the Rev. Susan Socha of LaOtto; two grandsons, Andrew and Michael Socha, both of LaOtto; two sisters, Frieda Brandau of Levering, Mich., and Gladys Mees of Tucson, Ariz.; and two brothers, Louis Neumann of Cheboygan and Richard Neumann of Avon Park, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be Saturday, June 3, at 4 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Condolences can be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## David Dolsen

MONTAGUE, Mich. — David E. Dolsen, 55, of Montague, Mich., died Thursday, May 25, 2006, at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Dolsen was born in Fort Wayne. As a youth, he played ice hockey in a youth hockey program. He attended Snider High School in Fort Wayne, and after graduation joined the U.S. Marine Corps and did a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969-70.

He operated a lawn service in southern Michigan until his retirement. He then moved to western Michigan. He enjoyed carving and golfing. His passion was his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jesse and Sonya, Andy and Nora and Travis; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Steve and Cathy, Gary and Deb and Rick and Ann; his mother, Dorothy Dolsen of Angola; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward "Slugger" Dolsen.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Louie Kethum officiating. Military services will be conducted at the funeral home by members of American Legion Post No. 499.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1023 15th St., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005.

## Malissa Combs

KENDALLVILLE — Malissa Jane Combs, 78, of Kendallville and St. Petersberg, Fla., died Friday, May 26, 2006, at 2:20 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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## Ray Zook

MIDDLEBURY — Ray Zook, 63, of Middlebury died at 3:38 a.m. Friday, May 26, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital following a sudden illness.

Mr. Zook

Mr. Zook was born in Meyersdale, Pa., on Jan. 13, 1943, to John J. and Tillie (Kinsinger) Zook. He was married to Donna Whitledge on Jan. 9, 1966, in Lake Station. She survives.

He moved to Middlebury in 1956. He was a self-employed farmer and was the owner-operator of Zook Trucking Co. He was a member of Middlebury Church of the Brethren and was an avid Northridge Raiders basketball fan.

Also surviving are a daughter, Melissa Hammond of Topeka; two sons, Bradley Ray Zook of Shipshewana and Darnell Lee Zook of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Elva Miller of New Paris and Mary and Henry Brenneman of Grantsville, Md.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Simon and Verna Zook of Goshen, Henry and Marie Zook of Milford, Noah and Arlene Zook and Bill Zook, all of Greenwood, Del.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Zook.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Dan Petry officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

## Charles Rozell

ANGOLA — Charles Duane Rozell, 66, Angola, died Friday, May 26, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rozell was born on Aug. 31, 1939, the son of Charles and Dorothy (Knisley) Rozell. His spouse is Sandy Rozell.

Mr. Rozell was preceded in death by his father, Charles, in 1970.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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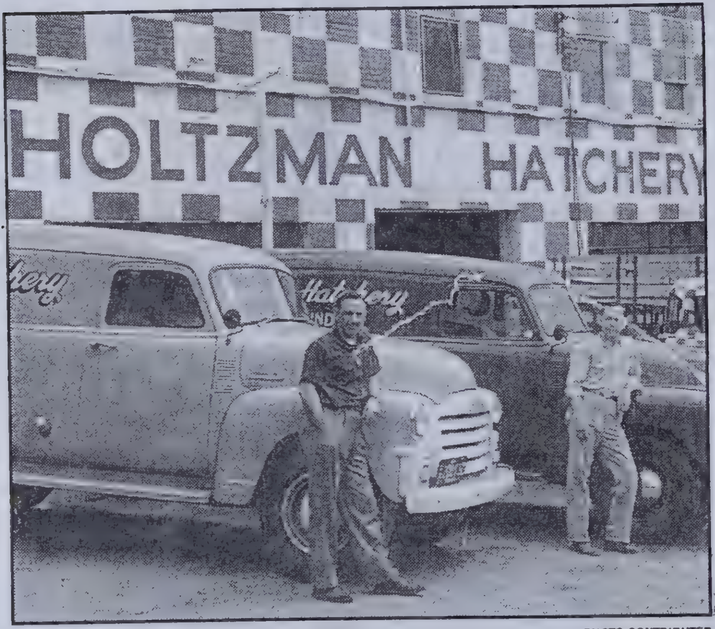
# Mr. Holtzman spent adventurous life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**Clark Holtzman stands outside the Holtzman Hatchery in Angola in an undated photo. Holtzman, who died May 12, opened the Hatchery in 1951. He sold the business in 1973 and joined the Peace Corps when he was in his 50s.**

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**BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND**
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LAKE CHARLES — Clark Holtzman loved a good adventure.

And he spent his whole life having them — as the owner of his own unique business, a pilot, a merchant marine, a motorcyclist and a member of the Peace Corps.

Mr. Holtzman died at his Lake Charles home on May 12. He was 89.

He spent 67 years with his wife, Dorothy Louise Bade, whom he married on Aug. 11, 1937 (Dorothy survives and still lives at Lake Charles). The Holtzmans came to Angola in 1951 from Napoleon, Ohio, to open Holtzman Hatchery, a business that provided poultry to a three-state area. They raised six children.

"He later added the Angola Feed Mill, located on the west side of the city, across the tracks from the present site of Tri-State College (University)," a life history Suzy and Jon wrote for their father said. "He and his wife operated Garden City Depot. He later headed Holtzman Construction."

In 1973, the Holtzmans decided to take their life together in a totally new direction. Though they were near 60, they joined the Peace Corps — first traveling to serve on assignments in Peru, Botswana and Sierra Leone. While serving with the Peace Corps in South America and Africa, Mr. Holtzman drew on his personal experiences to teach the people there such skills as animal husbandry and construction.

"They were there in Peru for the big earthquake that happened in the '70s or '80s," Suzy remembered. "Then they got through that and were there when the politics there changed ... the Peace Corps were all accused of being CIA and they were escorted out of the country by men holding machine guns."

Mr. Holtzman picked up a love of motorcycle riding while he was in Botswana, learning "to ride a motorcycle as transportation in the African bush," his children wrote. "He eventually took trips to Texas, the Blue Ridge Parkway to Atlanta, and through Canada to Alaska."

"He just sold his motorcycle when he was 85," Suzy said.

But by bike wasn't the only way Mr. Holtzman liked to travel. When he was young, he was an "enthusiastic aviator," his children wrote. Before moving to Angola, he owned a baby chick sexing operation in Napoleon, and would use his own airplane to travel to jobs throughout Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

"He was taught to fly by a barnstormer after World War II and regularly landed in fields and pastures outside of small towns to get assignments," his children wrote.

During World War II, Mr. Holtzman was a member of the Merchant Marines.

As they got older, the Holtzmans discontinued working with the Peace Corps, but traveled to the Central African Republic as members of the Lutheran World Global Mission to help build a church, guest hotel and parsonage. When they returned to the states, they joined the Mission Builders in northern Georgia to assist with the building of a Lutheran mission church.

Courtesy of Jon, Mr. Holtzman came to know that he had American roots that traced all the way back to the American Revolution.

"My dad's uncle was a member of the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution)," Suzy said. "My dad never pursued it, but Jon's been doing research since he retired."

That research turned up several interesting facts — Mr. Holtzman's great-great-great-grandfather, John Deaver, served as a lieutenant in the 3rd Maryland Regiment during the American Revolution, participating in campaigns at Brunswick, White Plains, Philadelphia and Germantown.

His great-great-grandfather, George Holtzman, was a Baltimore militiaman during the War of 1812, carrying powder to cannons at Fort McHenry during the British attack.

"It was during this attack that Frances Scott Key, a prisoner on a British ship in the harbor, witnessed the flag still waving in the morning and wrote 'The Star Spangled Banner,'" Jon wrote.

Mr. Holtzman was also related to Johns Hopkins, founder of Johns Hopkins Hospital and University.

Suzy said there will never be another man like her beloved father.

"He was one of a dying breed," she said. "A pioneer of sorts."

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## Malissa Combs

KENDALLVILLE — Malissa Jane Combs, 78, of Kendallville and St. Petersburg, Fla., died Friday, May 26, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Combs

She was retired after working many years in the medical profession. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Meadow Lawn Church in St. Petersburg.

She enjoyed reading her bible and fishing and enjoyed her family and children.

Mrs. Combs recently moved to Kendallville to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Michael Pranger, of rural Kendallville. She had lived in St. Petersburg since 1978.

She was born Dec. 28, 1927, in Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky, to Miles and Fannie (Vires) Combs. She married Carlo Combs Sept. 29, 1945, in Huntertown. He preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 2002.

Surviving are five sons, Carlo Combs Jr., and his wife Debi of St. Petersburg, Fla., Miles Combs and his friend Diane Grischke of Fort Wayne, John Combs of St. Petersburg, David Combs of St. Petersburg, and Pete and Tammy Land of St. Petersburg; four daughters, Laraine DeGeus and her husband Mike of Churubusco, Jennifer Pranger and her husband Michael of Kendallville, Barbara O'Keefe and her friend Bruce Eneix of St. Petersburg, and Betty and Dale Johnson of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one brother, L.C. Combs of Jackson, Ky.; and two stepsisters.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Sorenson Funeral Home, 3180 30th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Fla. Burial will be at Sunny Side Cemetery in St. Petersburg.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

A private family viewing will be at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

## Dennis Griebel

HUDSON — Dennis W. Griebel of Hudson died Thursday, May 25, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Surviving are two sons, Jeff Griebel of Fort Wayne and Courtland Griebel of Hudson; a daughter, Chandra Griebel of Fort Wayne; and two granddaughters, Cheyanna Griebel and Alexis Pedaroli.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the chapel of Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Griebel Granddaughters Education Fund.

The Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

## Charles Rozell

ANGOLA — Charles Duane Rozell, 66, of Angola died Friday, May 26, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a press operator at Moore Business Forms for 40 years, retiring in 1998.

The Hamilton High School graduate was a member of the National Rifle Association, a former member of the Angola Moose, and he loved camping, fishing, travel and NASCAR racing. He was a veteran of the National Guard.

He was born Aug. 31, 1939, to Charles and Dorothy (Knisley) Rozell.

On Aug. 29, 1981, he married Sandy Prough. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kris and Mark Patterson of Carmel; stepdaughters Maria Vierling of Bronson, Mich., and Kim and husband Marty Beaber-McNeal of Fremont; a stepson, Brian Ludwick of Rogers, Ark.; his mother, of Angola; a twin brother and his wife, Deane and Phyllis Rozell of Sun City, Ariz.; a sister and her husband, Sharon and Irv Gram of San Juan Capistrano, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his father in 1970.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Moose lodge.

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## Irene Blosser

MIDDLEBURY — Irene Blosser, 94, of Middlebury died at 1:05 p.m. Saturday at Americare Living Center in Elkhart.

Arrangements are pending at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury.

## Edna Hostetler

SHIPSHEWANA — Edna Romaine Hostetler, 82, of Shipshewana died at 10:10 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen, where she had been a patient one week.

Mrs. Hostetler

She was a tour guide for 30 years, owning and operating Wanago Tours, and worked for Menno Travel of Goshen. She was a member of the Shipshewana United Methodist Church and an avid quilter.

She was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Middlebury to Orva and Ellen (Troyer) Miller.

On Nov. 15, 1947, in Shipshewana, she married Leland Hostetler.

Surviving are 13 nephews; 10 nieces; 19 great-nephews; 19 great-nieces; three great-great-nephews; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Elwyn Frain of Shipshewana; and four brothers and their spouses, Richard and Patricia Miller of Smyrna, Del., James and Shirley Miller of Shipshewana, Alfred and Rosie Miller of Shipshewana, and Paul and Claudia Miller of White Pigeon, Mich.

Preceding her in death were her husband, in 1998; two brothers, Sam and Larry Miller; and a nephew, Michael Miller.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Shipshewana United Methodist Church, the Rev. Charles McPeak officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery of Shipshewana.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Shipshewana United Methodist Church or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

## Gene De La Cruz

SYRACUSE — Gene De La Cruz, 46, of Syracuse died Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

He worked for Rinker Boat Company in Syracuse, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and coaching little league and softball for many teams in the area.

Mr. De La Cruz was a graduate of West Noble High School.

He was born April 1, 1960, in Napolean, Ind., to Carlos and Elvira (Ramos) De La Cruz Sr.

On April 18, 1997, he married Bridget Oglesbee. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeremy, stationed in Little Rock, Ark., with the U.S. Air Force; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacki and Joey Ferny of Palestine, Ind.; three stepchildren, Beth West of Goshen, Betsy Howard and husband Josh of Warsaw, and Bobbie and Justine Davis of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; his mother, Elvira De La Cruz of Larwill; four sisters, Mary Gaerte of Pierceton, Esther Black of Pierceton, Virginia Halsey of Syracuse and Eloise Cassidy of North Webster; and two brothers, Fred De La Cruz of Butler and Carlos De La Cruz of Larwill.

Preceding him in death were his father; a daughter, Jenny; a brother Juan; and a sister, Lilly.

Services will be at noon today at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the family.

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# Girl, 4, drowns in Wall Lake

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**LaGrange County**

WALL LAKE — A 4-year-old Sturgis, Mich., girl died late Monday afternoon in an apparent drowning in LaGrange County, Indiana Conservation Officer District 2 public information officer Rodney Clear said.

Fatima Munoz likely drowned in Wall Lake sometime around 4:30 p.m., LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney said. The child was at the lake's public beach swimming with her siblings when she went under, Clear said.

Representatives from the Orland Volunteer Fire Department arrived at the scene at about 5:36 p.m. in response to a call about a missing child and possible drowning, OVFD public information officer Kim Norton said.

"First arriving units from Orland organized the adults at the beach to do a hand-in-hand search of the area and found the child on the first sweep in about four feet of water within four

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minutes," Norton said.

Clear said that a hand-in-hand search is a recovery effort in which people hold hands and walk slowly through shallow areas of water.

Efforts to revive Munoz were unsuccessful. She was released to LaGrange County Emergency Medical Service when its representatives arrived at the scene.

The incident remains under investigation. Indiana Conservation Officer Sgt. Gary Whitaker is heading up those efforts. An autopsy on the victim will be performed, and the cause of her death will be determined by the LaGrange County Coroner's Office, Clear said.

Also assisting at the scene were Indiana Conservation officers Todd Lang, Andy Runyon and John Deem; Orland Town Marshal Charlie Smith; representatives from the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and Emergency Medical Service and Orland and Mongo fire departments; Steuben County Emergency Medical Service; the Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team and Parkview Hospital's Samaritan helicopter team.

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# **DROWNS:** *Efforts to revive child were unsuccessful*

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**Members of the Orland Fire Rescue Department work to revive Fatima Munoz, 4, Sturgis, Mich., after locating her in Wall Lake late Monday afternoon. Munoz did not survive the incident, which is being investigated by LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney.**

## Richard Brown

GARRETT — Richard L. "Dick" Brown, 71, of Garrett died Monday, May 29, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

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## Geneva Miller

WOLCOTTVILLE — Geneva Miller, 73, of Ontario and formerly of Rome City died at 7:15 a.m. Monday, May 29, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller had lived in the area more than 50 years.

She was a homemaker and seamstress.

Mrs. Miller was born Feb. 5, 1933, in Hazel Green, Ky., to Corbit and Della (Hatton) Elkins. She married Robert Miller on Feb. 21, 1953, in Knox. He died in September 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Anita and Robert Campbell of LaGrange, Beverly and Randy Wanks of Sturgis, Mich., and Wanda and Bill Hall of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Twyla Miller of Goshen and Mike and Brenda Miller of Howe; three sisters, Juanita Watkins of Ohio and Wanda Trent and Madeline Pierce, both of Albertin, Ga.; two brothers, Jimmy Elkins of New Haven and Jack Hatton of Georgia; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Kay Miller, and three brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with Pastor Earl Rose of Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Steve Miller, Mike Miller, Rob Campbell Jr., Nathan Morgan, Rob Campbell Sr. and Billy Slone.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m.. Wednesday and from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Grayson Wheeler

LAFAYETTE — Grayson Wayne Wheeler died Monday, May 29, 2006, at St. Vincent's Women's Hospital in Indianapolis shortly after birth.

He was the son of Gregory Wayne and Ashley Jeanette (Whiteman) Wheeler of Lafayette.

Also surviving are his paternal grandparents, Steve and Ginny Wheeler of Kendallville; his maternal grandparents, Jeannette Whiteman of Lafayette and Larry Whiteman of Otterbein; paternal great-grandparents, Marvin and Sharon Wheeler and Walter and Angela Curwick, all of Lafayette; maternal great-grandparents, Deloss and Shirley Whiteman of Otterbein, Edward Thomas of Oxford and Betty Thomas of Lafayette; his great-great-grandmother, Bette L. Burton of Stockwell; two uncles, Josh Wheeler and Levi Whiteman; and three aunts, Erika Wheeler, Jeanne Ann Whiteman and Taylor Whiteman.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Yorktown Cemetery in Stockwell.

Memorials are to St. Vincent's Women's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

## Judy Stoy

HUDSON — Judy Ann Stoy, 61, of rural Hudson died Sunday, May 28, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Stoy

Mrs. Stoy was a teacher for 22 years in the DeKalb Eastern school district. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo, where she was very active and taught Sunday school.

She was born April 23, 1945, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Robert and Jean (Anderson) Kuckuck. Her parents survive in Fort Wayne.

She married Larry Stoy on Jan. 4, 1964, at the Church of Christ in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ken and Melanie Stoy of Pleasant Lake, Kevin and Bridget Stoy of Ashley and Tom and Morgan Stoy of Hudson; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanette and Elery Kimes of Houston and Mary Alice and Jim Turner of Fort Wayne; one brother, Carl Kuckuck of Roanoke; and eight grandchildren, Megan, Emily Rose, Emily Clara, Elizabeth, Abby, Hannah, Katie and Olivia.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Duane Stoy.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo, with Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ elevator fund or Parkview Memorial Hospice.

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## C. Irene Blosser

MIDDLEBURY — Celestia Irene Blosser, 94, of Middlebury died at 1:05 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2006, in Americare Living Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Blosser

Mrs. Blosser was a homemaker. She had been a cook at Middlebury School from 1944-1957 and then was a bookkeeper for Blosser Lumber Co. from 1957-1965. She then served as a cook at York School from 1965 until retiring in 1980.

She was member of Middlebury Church of the Brethren for 58 years.

Mrs. Blosser has wintered in Sarasota, Fla., for many years.

She was born July 12, 1911, in Noble County near Topeka to Oscar and Alice (Beck) Plank. She married Grover Cripe on Dec. 7, 1930. He died July 25, 1949. She then married Orville W. Blosser on June 6, 1953. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Carmon and Margaret Cripe of Middlebury and Gerry and Marjorie Cripe of Ocala, Fla.; a brother, Kenneth Plant of Woodburn, Ore.; a sister-in-law, Leola Plant of Milford; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Alberta Plank, Eva Phillips and Florence Mishler; and a brother, John J. Plank.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren with Pastor Dan Petry officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Danalee Meitzler

ELKHART — Danalee C. Meitzler, 72, of Elkhart died in her home. She was found at 8:41 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2006.

Miss Meitzler was an elementary school teacher in Elkhart and Middlebury. She later worked for the Elkhart Housing Authority for 16 years. She managed the Riverside and Waterfall buildings. She was a member of the Elkhart Symphony Chorus for more than 30 years, Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart since 1960, the church choir and the Elkhart County Retired Teachers Association. She was on the board of the Bristol Alumni Association.

She was born Jan. 8, 1934, in Marcellus to Clarence E. and Eva Belle (Beach) Meitzler. She graduated from Bristol High School in 1952 and Ball State University in 1958. She had a master's degree in education as well as degrees in public administration and gerontology.

Miss Meitzler is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Robert Moran of Kendallville; three nieces and their husbands, Debra and David Hockley and Marsha and Raymond Bassett, all of Kendallville, and Dr. Nancy and Norman Hockley of Fort Wayne; four great-nieces, Angela Bruckner and her husband, Tim, of Fort Wayne, Megan Hockley of Kendallville, Laura Bassett of Fremont, Ohio, and Sarah Hockley of Fort Wayne; and two great-nephews, Mark Hockley and his wife, Huong, of South Bend and Samuel Hockley of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Rice Cemetery, Elkhart. Assistant pastor Laurie Gibson of Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart officiated.

Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46516.

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## Mildred Shultz

FORT WAYNE — Mildred K. Shultz, 73, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 19, 1932, in Grant Township of DeKalb County, near Waterloo, as the second of 10 children born to Joseph and Zelda Kessler.

She was known as a dedicated and loving wife and mother who was devoted to her husband in the pursuit of his career. She was considered generous, unselfish and compassionate. In addition to loving her family, she had a passion for golf and enjoyed traveling and lake life.

In previous years, she was an active volunteer for the Allen County Children's Home, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Richard Shultz of Fort Wayne; three daughters and their husbands, Cynthia and Gary Andrew of Wolcottville, Leslie Sample of Fort Wayne and Laura and Michael Sellers of Orlando, Fla.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, William and Jean Kessler, Joseph and Diane Kessler, James and Diane Kessler and Keith Kessler, all of DeKalb County; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Theresa and Robert Young, Marlene Wasson and Linda and Harold Harris, all of DeKalb County; and a brother-in-law, Robert Haywood.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Isabelle and Ivan Knapp and Luanne Haywood; a son-in-law, Leonard Sample; and a brother-in-law, Harold Wasson.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

## Charles Rozell

ANGOLA — Charles Duane Rozell, 66, of Angola died Friday, May 26, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a press operator at Moore Business Forms for 40 years, retiring in 1998.

The Hamilton High School graduate was a member of the National Rifle Association and a former member of the Angola Moose. He loved camping, fishing, travel and NASCAR racing. He was a veteran of the National Guard.

He was born Aug. 31, 1939, to Charles and Dorothy (Knisley) Rozell.

On Aug. 29, 1981, he married Sandy Prough. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kris and Mark Patterson of Carmel; two stepdaughters, Maria Vierling and her friend, Lyle Tritch, of Bronson, Mich., and Kim Beaber-McNeal and her husband, Marty, of Fremont; a stepson, Brian Ludwick of Rogers, Ark.; his mother of Angola; a twin brother and his wife, Deane and Phyllis Rozell of Sun City, Ariz.; a sister and her husband, Sharon and Irv Gram of San Juan Capistrano, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his father in 1970.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West. St., Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Moose Lodge.

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## Phyllis Simcox

GARRETT — Phyllis R. Simcox, 82, of Garrett died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

**Mrs. Simcox**

Mrs. Simcox worked as a beautician from 1943-1952 and worked at Electric Motors in Garrett from 1952-1962.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, the Angola Women of the Moose and the United Transportation Union Ladies Auxiliary.

She graduated from Hanna High School in Hanna, Ind., in 1941 and from Warner Beauty College in 1943.

She was born in Davenport, Iowa, on Aug. 3, 1923, to William and Emma (Arndt) Breseke.

She married Charles F. Simcox on Feb. 7, 1948, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Jim McKinley of Noblesville; a sister, Betty Fiore of New Jersey; a nephew, Grant Breseke of LaPorte; and four grandchildren, William, Charles and Kristin O'Hara and Michael Cooper.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Alvin Breseke, Edward Arndt and Richie Boran.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital.

## Brenda Davis

HAMILTON — Brenda Lee Davis, 40, of Hamilton died Sunday, May 28, 2006.

She was born Oct. 6, 1965, in Lexington, Ky., to Allen Davis and Agness (Hall) Honaker. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her stepfather, Paul Honaker of Angola; a daughter, Jennifer Davis of Hamilton; a son, Christopher Eb of Chicago; her companion, Mark Bliss of Hamilton; her grandmother, Mable (Berryman) Durham of Lexington, Ky.; two brothers, Timothy and Rusty Davis, both of Fort Myers, Fla.; four stepbrothers, Alan Honaker of Angola, Danny Honaker of Butler, Bernie Honaker of Swansboro, N.C., and Gary Honaker of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Debra Davis.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

## Nancy Resak

CROMWELL — Nancy (Irvin) Resak, 73, of Cromwell died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Parkview Hospital following a long battle with cancer.

She had earned her master's degree from Ball State University and was a teacher for 32 years at Leo Elementary School, retiring in 1991.

Mrs. Resak split her retirement years between her lake home at Cromwell and Florida.

She was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority and enjoyed tennis, fishing, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Dec. 17, 1932, in Muncie to Casimir and Nina Schesky. They are deceased.

Her first husband, local entertainer Don Irvin, died in 1983. In 1990 she married Mike Resak. He is also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Judy Irvin of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Mike Stucky and Jenny and Tom Jaxtheimer, all of Fort Wayne, and Sheila and Mark Doane of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Casimir Schesky.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to Crosspointe Community Church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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## George Davis

HAMILTON — George Wendell Davis, 83, of Hamilton died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis had suffered from colon cancer and had been residing at the nursing home since his surgery in April.

He was born Nov. 18, 1922, on the Davis family farm in section 10 of Otsego Township in Steuben County. He was the youngest of three children born to Frank and Alma (Beard) Davis. His paternal grandparents were Frank and Harriett (Schmeiser) Davis, and his maternal grandparents were Gates and Louisa (Rummel) Beard.

Known as Wendell by his close friends and family, he attended grade school in Metz until the third grade. He then attended grade school in Hamilton and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1940.

In 1938, at the Metz Church of Christ in Metz, he professed his faith to God and was baptized under the ministry of the Rev. G. Halleck Rowe.

Following high school, he farmed with his father on the family farm.

On Aug. 31, 1957, at the home of James H. Kunce, he married Marabelle Kunce, with the Rev. William Chowning officiating.

Following his marriage, he worked for different employers in the area: The Butler Co. and Hendrickson Suspension, both in Butler, and the Auburn Hardware Warehouse in Auburn. In 1963, he started working for Dana Corp. Spicer Clutch Division in Auburn. He remained there until his retirement on Dec. 1, 1986

He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Carol Davis of Hamilton; a daughter, Rosalie A. Davis of Grabill; a grandson, Benton H. Davis of Hamilton; and an older sister and her husband, Ruth E. and David Kunkel of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by an older brother, Raymond Lyle Davis, in 1919; his mother, Alma, in 1959; and his father, Frank, in 1970.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Richard Brown

GARRETT — Richard L. "Dick" Brown, 71, of Garrett died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown was a warehouse manager for Irmscher and Sons Construction in Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Laborers International Union Local 213.

He was born Jan. 19, 1935, in DeKalb County to Elsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown.

He married Ann M. Vallieu on Feb. 19, 1960, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Elizabeth Brown of Butler, Kathy Brown of Waterloo and Patricia and Robert Thain of Butler; four sisters, Luella Aschleman of Auburn, Geraldine Clark of Auburn, Norma Dickison of Garrett and Sue Bock of Garrett; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Howard Brown, Clyde Brown, Clarence Brown and Edwin Brown.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Jeff Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with a graveside military service conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

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## Helen Coon

TOPEKA — Helen C. Coon, 72, of Topeka died at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Coon

Mrs. Coon had been a teller at Wells Fargo Bank and had taught junior high school students.

She was a published author, having written "House in the Back of the Lot" and "Oskar and Sarah: A Congo Love Story."

She had lived in Topeka the past 13 years. She had previously lived in several states while her husband was in the military.

Mrs. Coon was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church and had been the church secretary, sang in the choir and taught Sunday school.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was born April 2, 1934, in Chicago to John and Catherine (Wiens) Neufeld. She married Robert R. Coon in Chicago on June 24, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Kathryn Coon of Goshen; two daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine and Mervin Bitikofer of St. George, Kan., and Dorothy Coon of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Lila Neufeld of Mt. Lake, Minn.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elvina and Rudolph Martens of Goshen and Edith and Stephen Michalovic of Philadelphia, Pa.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Esther Kressley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. Elmer Wyse officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church or Goshen Hospice.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## David Cooper

ANGOLA — David C. Cooper, 65, of Hog Back Lake, Angola died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cooper was employed as a CNC operator at Auburn Gear.

He was born Jan. 30, 1941, in Auburn. His parents, Lucian C. Cooper and Hilda (LaMarr) Fankhauser, preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sabrina M. and Richard Govin of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cynthia Dealy of California and Brenda and Kenney Thomas of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, John Fankhauser of California; and three grandchildren, Brian C. Likens of Montpelier, Ohio, Kristi M. Likens of Auburn and Jasmine B. Govin of Defiance, Ohio.

He was preceded by a sister, Cathy Black; and a stepmother, Wilma Cooper.

There will be no services.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

## Dennis McDarby

MORRISTOWN — Dennis J. McDarby, 83, of Morristown died Monday, May 22, 2006, at Manor Care South in Indianapolis.

Mr. McDarby graduated from Auburn High School in 1942 and from the University of St. Louis.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a lieutenant and pilot during World War II. He was a member of the 305th Bomb Group and a former prisoner of war.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a life member of the American Legion and the 8th Air Force Historical Society.

He had been a supervisor at Freudenberg-NOK in Shelbyville and Morristown, retiring in 1985.

He was born March 30, 1923, in St. Louis, Mo., to Neal and Virginia (Calvin) McDarby. His father served as an executive of the Auburn Automobile Co.

He married Patricia Kain of Auburn in 1946, and she preceded him in death in 1960. He married Julia A. Redmon on July 21, 1984, and she survives.

Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Roger Kain of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law; five daughters and three sons-in-law; a brother; a sister; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, a brother and a sister.

Service were conducted Saturday in Morristown. Burial was in Asbury Cemetery with military rites.

Memorials are to the National Brain Tumor Foundation in care of Freeman Family Funeral Homes, Frazier Chapel, 124 E. North St., Morristown, IN 47171 or the Shelbyville-Shelby County Animal Shelter, 705 Hale Road, Shelbyville, IN 46176.

Online condolences may be posted at www.freemanfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 31, 2006, Wednesday

## Roy Nicodemus, 76

WAWAKA – Roy E. Nicodemus, 76, of Wawaka, died Sunday, May 28, 2006 at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 18, 1930 in South Bend, the son of the late Nile and Lena (Lesley) Nicodemus.

He retired in 1990 as service supervisor from Nipsco after 30 years of service.

He was married to Mildred E. Nicodemus on September 23, 1950 in Mishawaka.

He was a member of Plymouth Masonic Lodge F & AM; Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend, former member of Wabash Kiwanis Club, Culver; Jaycees, Big Brothers - Big Sisters, Wabash.

He was a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church. He also loved fishing and golf.

Mr. Nicodemus is survived by his wife, Mildred; two daughters, Nancy (Gordon) Lewis of Leo and Sandra (Jeffry) Zolnosky of Fort Wayne; one son, Robert (Sally) Nicodemus of Columbus; grandchildren, Kara, Collin, Evan, Aaron Lewis, Ashley Eads, Mary, Marc and Hal Jennings; sisters Dorothy Buytas of Plant City, FL, Janette (Jack) Armey of Bradenton, FL, and Doloris Lewis of Gooding, Idaho; brother, Ted (Wilma) Nicodemus-Raub of Corpus Christi, TX; and brother-in-law, Rev. Arthur Mahler of Papaw, MI.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Louise Mahler, in March 2006.

Services were held Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial was in Bowers Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or to Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church.

## Alma Amburgey, 50

EMMALENA, Ky. – Alma Jean Amburgey, 50, of Emmalena died Monday, May 22, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Mrs. Amburgey was born July 13, 1955, to Bill and Emmaline (Ritchie) Patrick.

Surviving are her husband, Ray Amburgey; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Chris and LaDawn Amburgey of Lotts Creek, Ky., Shane and TeShauna Amburgey of Cumberland, Ky., and Kyle Amburgey of Emmalena; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenn and Joan Patrick of LaGrange, Talbert and Joy Patrick of Wawaka, Joe Lee and Gladys Carter of Clear Creek, Ky., Donnie and Edna Patrick of Talcum, Ky., and Daniel and Pat Patrick of Lexington; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ilene and Willis Dobson of Auburn, Lillie Slone of Lexington and Mary Ann Ritchie of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; two uncles, Carl Ritchie and Estill Ritchie; and two grandchildren, Chase and Christa.

Services were held Friday, May 26, 2006, at Montgomery Baptist Church with Ricky Smith and Randall Short officiating. Burial was in Combs Cemetery at Emmalena.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hindmanfuneralservices.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 1, 2006, Thursday

## Gilbert Thieme

DECATUR — Gilbert Thieme, 89, of Decatur died Tuesday, May 30, 2006.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, and a former active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, where he was financial secretary and an elder. He was a member of the Lutheran Layman's League and the Gold Crown Bowling League.

He was a retired farmer and had been employed by Scott's Foods since 1988, retiring in 2005 after 16 years of service. He had previously worked at the Schafer Co., Leo Thieme Construction and Otto Thieme Drainage.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Louise (Crosby) Kenney Thieme; a son, Lanny G. Thieme of North Olmsted, Ohio; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Beverly and Bud Case of Decatur, Karen Reidenbach of Frankfort and Susan and Dennis Baker of Coldwater, Mich.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, John W. and Pam Kenney of Decatur; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Kate and Donald Steuernagel of Chula Vista, Calif., and Julie and Daniel T. Miller and Laura Kenney, all of Decatur; 21 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Wefel, in 1959; two stepsons, James M. Kenney and Patrick E. Kenney; a son-in-law, James Reidenbach; a granddaughter, Leigh Anne Steuernagel; a step-great-granddaughter, Lindsey Arnold; and his twin sister, Elsie Buuck.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, with the Rev. Scott Bruick officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from noon-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Worship for Shut-Ins or Zion Lutheran Radio Fund.

Condolences can be left online at www.zwickjahn.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

## Helen Coon

TOPEKA — Helen C. Coon, 72, of Topeka died at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Coon

Mrs. Coon had been a teller at Wells Fargo Bank and had taught junior high school students.

She was a published author, having written "House in the Back of the Lot" and "Oskar and Sarah: A Congo Love Story."

She had lived in Topeka the past 13 years. She had previously lived in several states while her husband was in the ministry.

Mrs. Coon was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church and had been the church secretary, sang in the choir and taught Sunday school.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was born April 2, 1934, in Chicago to John and Catherine (Wiens) Neufeld. She married Robert R. Coon in Chicago on June 24, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Kathryn Coon of Goshen; two daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine and Mervin Bitikofer of St. George, Kan., and Dorothy Coon of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Lila Neufeld of Mt. Lake, Minn.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elvina and Rudolph Martens of Goshen and Edith and Stephen Michalovic of Philadelphia, Pa.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Esther Kressley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. Elmer Wyse officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church or Goshen Hospice.

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Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Viola Young

KENDALLVILLE — Viola M. Young, 91, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at the home of her daughter in Kendallville.

**Mrs. Young**

Mrs. Young attended Rome City United Methodist Church.

She was a member of the Kendallville Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Young was born Nov. 14, 1914, in Whitley County to Arthur and Elsie (Ennen) Knafel. She married Herman E. Young on Nov. 8, 1932, in Sturgis, Mich. He died July 18, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lindol and Robert Abel of Avilla and Brenda and Delbert Manns of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Linda Young of Albion; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Carl Knafel of Rome City and Richard and Betty Jo Knafel of Wabash; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Meier of Woodstock, Ill., and Helen and Wayne Applegate of Albion; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a special caregiver, Cindy Carper.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Miller, in 1998; a son, Donald Young, in 2005; and two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Michael McKinney officiating.

Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers will be Robert Young, Robert Abel II, Brian Abel, Johnnie Cardinal, Curt Young and Lynn Miller.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rome City United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Peter Johnson

ELKHART — Peter Steven Johnson, 53, of Elkhart died Monday, May 29, 2006, following a short illness.

Mr. Johnson had worked as a machinist until he was disabled. He had moved to the area from East St. Louis, Ill.

He was a Jehovah's Witness and attended the Elkhart West Kingdom Hall.

Mr. Johnson loved to fish, barbecue, bike with his family, and fireworks and all types of music.

He was born Feb. 3, 1953, in St. Louis, Mo., to John and Roseland Johnson. His father died in 2005 and his mother survives in East St. Louis. He married Carista Carleen Mobley on Dec. 23, 1994, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Keyahna and Ah'leah, both of Elkhart; a son, Malik, of Elkhart; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sybil Lee and Althea and Steve Warr, all of Elkhart, Barbara and Carl Edwards of Michigan and Connie Whiting of North Carolina; and a brother and sister-in-law, John Jr. and Ronda Johnson of Bellville, Ill.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John David Johnson, and a grandmother, Birdie L. Jones.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Elkhart South Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 25448 C.R. 22, Elkhart, with Clarence Warren Jr. will officiate.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg is in charge of arrangements.

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June 1, 2006, Thursday

## Violet Loew

FORT WAYNE — Violet F. Loew, 79, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and nurses' aid at Lutheran Homes for 20 years.

She was born Feb. 21, 1927, in Swan.

Mrs. Loew graduated from Eel River, Perry Township High School in 1945.

She had served on the St. Therese Alter Society and was a former chairwoman for the Funeral Dinner Committee, an associate member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and a member of St. Therese Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Carl Loew of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rose and Roger Yeager of Rochester, N.Y., and Joanne Loew of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Tammy Loew of Lafayette and Jim and Sally Loew of Fishers; a sister, Donna Cartwright of LaOtto; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Edward Loew; and seven brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, St. Therese School or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to elzeypatterson-rodak@alderwoods.com.

## Larry Lamle

AUBURN — Larry R. "Wimp" Lamle, 69, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at his home.

**Mr. Lamle**

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Lamle retired from Auburn Gear after 32 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1957. He was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the Auburn Elks lodge and the W-M Employees Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy and Lisa Lamle of Auburn, Todd Lamle of Auburn and Travis Lamle of Spring Hill, Fla.; four grandchildren, Cody, Desirae, Skyler and Ty; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy Hile of Churubusco and Penny and Wayne Stahle of North Carolina.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

## James Hammac

KENDALLVILLE — James Hammac, 51, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at his home.

**Mr. Hammac**

Mr. Hammac had been employed at Tower Automotive in Auburn until he became ill.

He was a Marine Corps veteran.

Mr. Hammac attended Celebration Baptist Church of Kendallville.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and biking. He was known as a perfectionist.

He was born Jan. 14, 1955, in Middlesboro, Ky., to Olen and Sylvia (Webb) Hammac. He married Betty Frain on Dec. 24, 2001, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James Hammac II and his wife, Jessica, of Denham Springs, La., and Ronnie Maynard of Kendallville; a daughter, Nellie Maynard of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren, Kenna Hammac, Jaycee Hammac, Blake Sturgis, Paige Matherne and Benjamin Mathews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Vicki Liedel.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Richard Leone officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted with a correction in the name of a surviving relative.*

## George Davis

HAMILTON — George Wendell Davis, 83, of Hamilton died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis had suffered from colon cancer and had been residing at the nursing home since his surgery in April.

He was born Nov. 18, 1922, on the Davis family farm in section 10 of Otsego Township in Steuben County. He was the youngest of three children born to Frank and Alma (Beard) Davis. His paternal grandparents were Frank and Harriett (Schmeiser) Davis, and his maternal grandparents were Gates and Louisa (Rummel) Beard.

Known as Wendell by his close friends and family, he attended grade school in Metz until the third grade. He then attended grade school in Hamilton and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1940.

In 1938, at the Metz Church of Christ in Metz, he professed his faith to God and was baptized under the ministry of the Rev. G. Halleck Rowe.

Following high school, he farmed with his father on the family farm.

On Aug. 31, 1957, at the home of James H. Kunce, he married Marabelle Kunce, with the Rev. William Chowning officiating.

Following his marriage, he worked for different employers in the area: The Butler Co. and Hendrickson Suspension, both in Butler, and the Auburn Hardware Warehouse in Auburn. In 1963, he started working for Dana Corp. Spicer Clutch Division in Auburn. He remained there until his retirement on Dec. 1, 1986.

He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Surviving are his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Carol Davis of Hamilton; a daughter, Rosalie A. Davis of Grabill; a grandson, Benton H. Davis of Hamilton; and an older sister, Ruth E. (Davis) Kunkel of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by an older brother, Raymond Lyle Davis, in 1919; his mother, Alma, in 1959; and his father, Frank, in 1970.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted with a correction in the name of a surviving relative.*

## Judy Stoy

HUDSON — Judy Ann Stoy, 61, of rural Hudson died Sunday, May 28, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Stoy was a teacher for 22 years in the DeKalb Eastern school district. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo, where she was very active and taught Sunday school.

She was born April 23, 1945, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Robert and Jean (Anderson) Kuckuck. Her parents survive in Fort Wayne.

She married Larry Stoy on Jan. 4, 1964, at the Church of Christ in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ken and Melanie Stoy of Pleasant Lake, Kevin and Bridget Stoy of Ashley and Tom and Megan Stoy of Hudson; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanette and Elery Kimes of Houston and Mary Alice and Jim Turner of Fort Wayne; a brother, Carl Kuckuck of Roanoke; and eight grandchildren, Megan, Emily Rose, Emily Clara, Elizabeth, Abby, Hannah, Katie and Olivia.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Duane Stoy.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo, with Steve Evans officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery of Hudson.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ elevator fund or Parkview Memorial Hospice.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 1, 2006, Thursday

*Our sincere thanks to all our friends in the community and from far away for your cards, phone calls, flowers, food and prayers. A special thanks to the Ligonier United Methodist Church, Ligonier Presbyterian Church, Ligonier Masonic Lodge, Ligonier Lions, all the staff at Avalon Village along with all the men in uniform from the Ligonier Fire Dept. Your kind and caring deeds were very comforting. Pete would have been so proud as you make us proud and grateful to live in such a great community.*

*The families of*
*Ellsworth C. Peterson*

## Nancy Resak

CROMWELL — Nancy (Irvin) Resak, 73, of Cromwell died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Parkview Hospital following a long battle with cancer.

She had earned her master's degree from Ball State University and was a teacher for 32 years at Leo Elementary School, retiring in 1991.

Mrs. Resak split her retirement years between her lake home at Cromwell and Florida.

She was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority and enjoyed tennis, fishing, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Dec. 17, 1932, in Muncie to Casimir and Nina Schesky. They are deceased.

Her first husband, local entertainer Don Irvin, died in 1983. In 1990 she married Mike Resak. He is also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Judy Irvin of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Mike Stucky and Jenny and Tom Jaxtheimer, all of Fort Wayne, and Sheila and Mark Doane of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Casimir Schesky.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to Crosspointe Community Church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 1, 2006, Thursday

## William Gloor

**Gloor**

TOPEKA — William F. Gloor, 73, of Topeka died at 11:13 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gloor was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked in the RV industry and was proud to have been on the construction crew that built Westview High School.

Mr. Gloor enjoyed gardening and woodworking and was an avid Westview fan. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was born April 29, 1933, in Topeka to Gust and Mae (Bobeck) Gloor. He married Geraldine Fought on May 3, 1952, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Les Gloor of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Dan Pruitt of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, Jake and Marilyn Gloor of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Fred Merriman of Florida; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Gloor and LaVoid Lehman; and three sisters, Joan Wilson, Betty Hirschy and Beulah DeWitt.

Services were Sunday, May 28, at Topeka United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bob Wyman officiating. Burial was in Eden Cemetery.

Memorials are to Topeka United Methodist Church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Loran Growcock

LIGONIER — Loran Dean Growcock, 47, of Ligonier died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Growcock was a lifetime area resident and owner of Loran's Body Shop in Albion.

**Growcock**

He was a member of the Millersburg RC Club. He enjoyed watching NASCAR racing events.

Mr. Growcock loved working on cars and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born April 7, 1959, in Goshen to Deo and Judy (Smith) Growcock. They are deceased.

Surviving are his fiance and longtime companion, Sandra Bankson of Ligonier; a daughter, Toni (Bankson) Power and her husband, Tom Power, of Nevada; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Rod Growcock of Goshen, Larry and Dina Growcock of Italy and Blane Growcock of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Jerry Needler of New Paris; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. June 10 at the Needler residence, 69674 C.R. 21, New Paris.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 1, 2006, Thursday

## Alma Amburgey

EMMALENA, Ky. — Alma Jean Amburgey, 50, of Emmalena died Monday, May 22, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Mrs. Amburgey was born July 13, 1955, to Bill and Emmaline (Ritchie) Patrick.

Surviving are her husband, Ray Amburgey; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Chris and LaDawn Amburgey of Lotts Creek, Ky., Shane and TeShauna Amburgey of Cumberland, Ky., and Kyle Amburgey of Emmalena; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenn and Joan Patrick of LaGrange, Talbert and Joy Patrick of Wawaka, Joe Lee and Gladys Carter of Clear Creek, Ky., Donnie and Edna Patrick of Talcum, Ky., and Daniel and Pat Patrick of Lexington; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ilene and Willis Dobson of Auburn, Lillie Slone of Lexington and Mary Ann Ritchie of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; two uncles, Carl Ritchie and Estill Ritchie; and two grandchildren, Chase and Christa.

Services were Friday, May 26, at Montgomery Baptist Church with Ricky Smith and Randall Short officiating. Burial was in Combs Cemetery at Emmalena.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hindmanfuneralservices.com.

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## Helen Coon

TOPEKA — Helen C. Coon, 72, of Topeka died at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at her home.

**Coon**

Mrs. Coon had been a teller at Wells Fargo Bank and had taught junior high school students.

She was a published author, having written "House in the Back of the Lot" and "Oskar and Sarah: A Congo Love Story."

She had lived in Topeka the past 13 years. She had previously lived in several states while her husband was in the military.

Mrs. Coon was a member of Topeka Mennonite Church and had been the church secretary, sang in the choir and taught Sunday school.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was born April 2, 1934, in Chicago to John and Catherine (Wiens) Neufeld. She married Robert R. Coon in Chicago on June 24, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Kathryn Coon of Goshen; two daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine and Mervin Bitikofer of St. George, Kan., and Dorothy Coon of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Lila Neufeld of Mt. Lake, Minn.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elvina and Rudolph Martens of Goshen and Edith and Stephen Michalovic of Philadelphia, Pa.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Esther Kressley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. Elmer Wyse officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church or Goshen Hospice.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 2, 2006, Friday

## Lester Blake Jr.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. — Lester Blake Jr., 80, of Elizabethtown and formerly of Ligonier died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at Hardin Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Blake

Mr. Blake had retired from Johnson Controls in Goshen.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Blake was a member of the United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown where he had participated in various activities.

He was also a member of the Goshen Iron Horsemen, life member of the DAV Chapter 15, life member of Goshen American Legion Post 30 and had been a volunteer for the Council on Aging.

He was born April 9, 1926, in Ligonier to Lester and Fern (Rowe) Blake. He married Mary Johnson on Dec. 12, 1944, in Albion. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Jody Blake of Howe; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia and Ron Morris of Elizabethtown, Virginia Johnson of Ligonier and Rebecca and Sam Nunn of Jeffersonville; a brother, Robert Blake; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Agnes Grib.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Dwight Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

## Harvey Gustin

KENDALLVILLE — Harvey Wayne Gustin, 64, of Big Turkey Lake died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Carmel following an extended illness.

Mr. Gustin

Mr. Gustin had retired as a machine operator and supervisor at Nishikawa Standard in Topeka after 10 years of service.

He was a 1961 graduate of Kendallville High School. He served stateside in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Gustin was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church near Big Turkey Lake.

He loved all kinds of sports, both playing and watching. He had coached Little League baseball teams in Stroh when his sons were young. He followed the Chicago Cubs and Bears and enjoyed playing golf and fishing.

Mr. Gustin was born Sept. 25, 1941, in Kendallville to Willard and Theresa (Scott) Gustin. He married Betty Ann Griffin on Oct. 9, 1965, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa and Kenny Ullman and Deanna Gustin, all of Topeka; two sons and daughters-in-law, Phil and Christina Gustin of Avilla and Mike and Marci Gustin of Stroh; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Eugene and Marie Parot of New Jersey and Pete Parot of Indianapolis; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Margaret Stettler of Fort Wayne, Judy and Bob Robinson of Elkhart and Bonnie Williams of Albion; nine grandchildren, Amanda Wallace, Korri Phillips, Abby Hart, Megan Hart, Jacob Gustin, Janel Gustin, Michael Gustin, Madison Gustin and Kaysia Brown; and one great-grandchild, Destiny Hart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Lillian, Jack, Virgil, Bill, Mike and Dorothy.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 2, 2006, Friday

## Richard Maloney

CHURUBUSCO — Richard L. Maloney, 78, of Churubusco died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Maloney

Mr. Maloney was a farmer and had retired in 1990 as a machinist with Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne. He had lived on the family farm where he was born for the past 41 years.

He graduated in 1945 from Huntertown High School.

Mr. Maloney was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and the Knights of Columbus in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 1, 1927, in Eel River Township to William and Anna (Riecke) Maloney. He married Marilyn Gump on July 28, 1951, in rural Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Arnold and Donna and Dave Crowl, all of Fort Wayne, and Karen Fitch and Bev and Shane Rodocker, all of Huntertown; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rose Maher, Jean and Marlow Gump, all of Fort Wayne, and Barbara and Bob Wood of Columbia City; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Bill Maloney on Sept. 16, 2002; a brother, Billy Maloney; and two sisters, Betty Ann Carsten and Sharon Woods.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church with Father Danny Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery in Ege.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. John Bosco Catholic Church or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Fannie Whittaker

CHURUBUSCO — Fannie A. Whittaker, 92, of Columbia City and formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at her home. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Whittaker

Mrs. Whittaker had been employed at McCoy's Hatchery in Churubusco, Lyall Electric in Albion and Frank's Greenhouse in Columbia City.

She enjoyed painting, reading, raising chickens and quilting. She had won awards for growing orchids.

She was born March 8, 1914, in Churubusco to Charles and Mary (Tucker) Wilkins. She married Homer Whittaker on March 27, 1932. He died Oct. 4, 2002.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jack and Linda Whittaker of Kendallville, Homer and Sharon Whittaker of Churubusco, Frank Whittaker, and Jim and Ann Whittaker of Norman, Ark.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Bob Poynter of Churubusco, Karen and Jerry Campbell of Olive Hill, Ky., and Linda and Darrell Yates of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Harold Bushong of Albion; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Lena Ferguson, Elma Garrison and Edna Addis; and two brothers, Dawson Wilkins and Frank Wilkins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Kenneth Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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## Troy Hess

AUBURN — Troy L. Hess, 37, of Auburn died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at 10 p.m. at his residence.

**Mr. Hess**

Born July 20, 1968, in Auburn, he was an excavator for Hess Companies and a member of the Immaculate Church Catholic Church in Auburn.

Surviving are his parents, Jerry L. Hess of Auburn and Patricia A. (Vogel) Hess of Crooked Lake, Angola; a daughter, Nicole L. Hess of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott G. and Lisa Hess of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Taya A. and Ryan Myers of Garrett; two nephews, Stacy Hess of Auburn and Drayton Myers of Garrett; a niece, Tyler Hess of Auburn; and a special friend, Ellen Lohse of Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Babacino Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Nicole Hess Education Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

## Len Reisinger

FORT WAYNE — Len E. Reisinger, 76, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at his home.

Born in Huntington, Mr. Reisinger was a local businessman involved with Lenny's Auto Sales, Ponderosa Steak House and Indianapolis Auto Auction. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Imperial Golf Club, Naples, Fla.

Surviving are his wife, Emily Reisinger of Fort Wayne; his father, Raymond Reisinger of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Steve Reisinger of Indianapolis and Rollin Reisinger of Pompano Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Susan Smith of Auburn; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Doris Foster of Tucson, Ariz.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

## Lora Strunk

KENDALLVILLE — Lora L. Strunk, 43, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

**Mrs. Strunk**

Mrs. Strunk graduated from the Beacon Baptist Academy in 1981.

She had formerly been employed at Kentucky Fried Chicken and Captain D's in Kendallville and at Rivnut and Pent Plastics.

Mrs. Strunk was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Kendallville.

She enjoyed baby-sitting for her grandchildren, reading and taking care of her dog.

She was born Aug. 20, 1962, in Colorado to Randy and Donna Keown. Her father survives in Kentucky, and her mother is deceased.

Also surviving are a daughter, Angela Fetters of Rome City; a son, Andrew Strunk of Kendallville; a sister, Gail Lauch of Montana; brother, Jamie Keown of Kentucky; a grandmother, Loretta Keown of Kentucky; and two grandchildren, Kaylee and Christopher Fetters.

She was also preceded in death by a grandfather, James Keown.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church, S.R. 8 West, with Pastor Jeff Hipley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Allen Graber

GOSHEN — Allen Graber, 90, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury and Constantine, Mich., died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Graber

He had been a farmer and a plasterer for Graber Brothers in Middlebury.

Mr. Graber had wintered in Sarasota, Fla., the past 26 years.

He was a member of Clinton Brick Mennonite Church in Goshen.

He was born Nov. 20, 1915, in Milo, N.D., to Abe and Bena (Rosh) Graber. He married Amanda Miller on March 28, 1937, in Middlebury. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Freeman and Velda Hershberger of Goshen and Idella and Rev. Ruben Chupp of Nappanee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Devon and Barb Graber of Constantine and Nelson and Jan Graber of Kalamazoo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Esther and Glen Riegsecker of Middlebury and Ruby and Floyd Miller of White Pigeon, Mich.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Ezra and Irma Graber of Shipshewana, Joe and Cora Graber of White Pigeon, Ervin and Beulah Graber of Constantine, and Sam and Adeline Graber of Middlebury; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dan and Floyd Graber; and three sisters, Saloma, Anna and Rose Graber.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Clinton Brick Mennonite Church in Goshen with the Rev. Ruben Chupp and the Rev. Ron Kennel officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Brick Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Clinton Brick Mennonite Church.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Donald Greenawalt

AUBURN — Donald H. Greenawalt, 86, of Auburn died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Greenawalt

Mr. Greenawalt worked as the parts department manager for L.G. Maxton Sales in Angola for 16 years and for Rohm Chevrolet, Buick, Olds in Auburn for 19 years, retiring in 1981.

He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He graduated from Purdue University in 1941 and was very active in the Auburn Missionary Church.

He was born Nov. 4, 1919, in LaGrange County to Elvie R. and Ida (Harp) Greenawalt. His parents preceded him in death.

On June 11, 1944, in Stroh, he marred Bonnie Aloma Zeis. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Nevin and Glenn Harmison of Elkhart, Darla Dumas and Dr. Thomas Dumas of Fort Wayne and Marisa Newhouse and Dr. Mark Newhouse of Corning, N.Y.; and six grandchildren, Eric and Brian Harmison, Laura Dumas and Benjamin, Andrew and Meredith Newhouse.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. James Pearson will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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## Robert Wilson

FORT WAYNE — Robert B. "Bob" Wilson, 61, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 8, 1945, in El Paso, Texas, and was a machinist and welder, retiring from Tube Corp. in 1997. He was a member of the Waynedale United Methodist Church. He loved fishing, NASCAR and working in the yard.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth A. Wilson of Fort Wayne; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Ronald R. and Jenny Wilson of Fort Wayne, David E. Fivecoate Jr. of Corunna, Mark A. and Toni Fivecoate of Ladsen, S.C., and Stephen G. and Tammy Fivecoate of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Robyn T. Graham of Fort Wayne and Sherri A. and Grant Passwater of LaOtto; a brother, Richard T. Wilson III of El Paso, Texas; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Waynedale United Methodist Church, 2501 Church St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Pancreatic Cancer Research or Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

## Joanetta McKinley

BRONSON, Mich. — Joanetta A. McKinley, 82, of Bronson died Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at Borgess Medical Center following a two-week illness.

Mrs. McKinley was a cook for the Bronson school system from 1955 to 1966. She then worked as a cook at the Sturgis Hospital from 1966 to 1974. In her later years she worked for Donald Meyer at his gladiolus farm.

She was a member of the Bethel-Gilead Community Church and enjoyed cooking, sewing and crocheting.

She was born Jan. 3, 1924, in Battle Creek, Mich., to Claude and Audrey (Powell) McKinley. She attended Bronson schools. On Sept. 27, 1941, she married Vern McKinley.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and Kenneth Steele of Orland and Martha and Jim Mayer of Bronson; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Nancy McKinley and Dan and Jo Lee McKinley, all of Bronson; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1993, her parents and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson. Rev. Jim Erwin of the Bethel-Gilead Community Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Fry Cemetery.

Calling will be at the Kolcz Funeral Home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today. Memorials are to the Bethel-Gilead Community Church.

The obituary is also at www.kolcz.com where private messages may be left for the family.

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## Eugene Best

ALBION — Eugene H. Best Sr., 85, of Albion, died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at 8:55 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Best was a truck driver for 33 years at Ellis Trucking in Fort Wayne, retiring in October 1979.

He was a member of the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Pierceton American Legion post. He was a member of the Albion Police Reserves for 23 years.

He was born June 9, 1920, in Delphos, Ohio, to Oscar W. and Pearl May Best. They preceded him in death.

He married Phyllis A. Shaffer on Oct. 31, 1941, in Garrett. She died April 20, 1997.

Surviving are five daughters, Marianne Mathieu of Antwerp, Ohio, Barbara Dailey of Fort Wayne, Nancy Smith of North Carolina, Teresa Longenecker of Milford and Judith Trowbridge of Albion; two brothers, Norman Best of Indianapolis and Richard Best of Lafayette; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eugene Best Jr.; a daughter, Sandy Best; four brothers, Howard, Ralph, Donald and Clarence Best; and two sisters, Helen Bassinger and Martha Rudnicki.

Services will be Tuesday at noon in the Burr Oak Baptist Church, Albion, with Pastor Mark Woods officiating. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery of Albion, with military graveside services conducted by the Albion post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

## Helen Daugherty

ANGOLA — Helen E. Daugherty, 89, died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, Angola.

Mrs. Daugherty was born in Fort Wayne, was a homemaker and was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

She is survived by a daughter and son in-law, Dianne and Jan Lung, Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Patsie Daugherty, Succasunna, N.J., and Robert and Diane Daugherty of Aurora, Colo.; a daughter-in-law, Jackie Daugherty of Canton, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl W. Daugherty, in 1994; a son, James E.; and a grandson, Michael.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Chris Smith officiating. Calling is one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or Masses.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons, Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

## Shila MacDonald

ANGOLA — Shila (Johans) MacDonald, 62, Lake Gage, died Saturday, May 27, 2006, in Olmsted Township, Ohio.

Mrs. MacDonald was born Dec. 11, 1943. She was a hairdresser for 25 years, operating Betty Jo's Beauty Salons in Ohio. She was a resident of North Olmsted, Ohio, for 52 years before relocating to Lake Gage in Steuben County.

She is survived by her husband, Scott; two sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Trish MacDonald and Kip and Kate MacDonald; and a granddaughter, Ana MacDonald.

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. at Jenkins Funeral Chapel, Westlake, Ohio, with the Rev. Roger Talbott officiating. Local services will be held June 10 at 11 a.m. at Angola United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Life Banc, 20600 Chagrin Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44122 or the Animal Protective League, 1729 Willey Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113.

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## Leo Bixler

GARRETT — Leo H. Bixler, 96, of Garrett and formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where he had been a patient for the past three weeks.

Mr. Bixler

Mr. Bixler was born in Monroe Township, Adams County on Jan. 24, 1910, to Eli and Grace (Rickner) Bixler. He was married in Fort Wayne on Nov. 19, 1938, to Dorothea L. Wenner. She preceded him in death on June 16, 2003.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II in central Europe and the Rhineland. He and his wife moved to Churubusco in 1949.

He was employed at Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire Co. in Fort Wayne, and retired from the company's INCA division as an insulator in 1975. He had also worked at the Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne for seven years.

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post No. 157 in Churubusco.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine A. and Neal Zolman of Garrett; a sister, Faye of Sidney, Ohio; two granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Della and Tony Thompson of Auburn and Doreen and Chet Brown of Garrett; and five great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Thompson, Matea Thompson, Ross Thompson, Tori Brown and Elli Brown.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Leota Bixler, Martha Yost and Mildred Corson; and two brothers, Raymond Bixler and Gerald Bixler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Burial with graveside military rites will be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Bernice Flynn

KENDALLVILLE — Bernice Clara Flynn, 92, of Kendallville died Friday, June 2, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Flynn was born May 10, 1914, in Wanatah to Fred and Clara (Herbst) Bannwart. She married John Thomas Flynn on Aug. 23, 1943, in Watertown, N.Y. He preceded her in death on April 21,1956.

She was a 1932 graduate of Michigan City High School. She was a kindergarten teacher for 37 years, and taught at Albion Elementary School from 1957 to 1980. She started teaching at a one-room schoolhouse in Michigan City.

She was a member of Albion Trinity United Methodist Church, the Retired Teachers Association of Indiana and the National Teachers Association. Her hobbies included crocheting, baking cookies, flowers and crossword puzzles. She was very active in her church and was responsible for starting the Sunday school program there, as well as being involved in other projects.

She moved to Albion in 1947 from Michigan City, then moved to Kendallville in 1980 after retiring. She had lived at Shepherd of the Hill for the past two years.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-laws, Carol Ann and George Owen of rural Corunna and Jean and Marion Combs of rural Kendallville; five grandchildren and their spouses, Mary Ann Fitch, John D. and Melissa Owen, Jeff L. Owen, Jennifer and Chris Roberts and Erin and A.C. McCray; and three great-grandchildren, Jordan, Madison and Jace Owen.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Emil Bannwart, and a sister, Bessie Herrick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, North Ridge Village, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dan Barker officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and also one hour prior to graveside services at the Greenwood Cemetery Chapel in Michigan City.

Casket bearers will be John and Jeff Owen, Chris Roberts, A.C. McCray, Phil Nelson and Gregg Gorsuch.

Memorials are to Albion Trinity United Methodist Church.

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## Baby Girl Whetstone

MILLERSBURG — A baby girl was stillborn to Kenneth and Laverda (Miller) Whetstone of Millersburg on Friday, June 2, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

In addition to her parents, the baby is survived by a brother, Lydon Joe Whetstone, at home; her grandparents, Howard F. and Edna Fern Miller of Millersburg and Joe E. and Pollyanna Whetstone of Topeka; and her great-grandparents, Floyd and Sara Miller of Jamesport, Mo. and Ervin and Edna Whetstone of Topeka.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Honeyville Cemetery, Topeka, with Bishop Freeman S. Miller of the Old Order Amish Church officiating.

Pallbearers will be Christy Miller and Calvin Miller.

## Verrill Myers

FRANKFORT — Verrill H. Myers, 75, of Frankfort died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, in Buyck, Minn.

Mr. Myers was born May 20, 1931, in Frankfort to Ora Jacob and Taressa Dean (Wickens) Myers. He married Pearl M. Lipp on Dec. 5, 1952, and she survives.

He was a brake man for the Nickel Plate and the Norfolk & Western railroads, retiring in 1982. He lived all of his life in Frankfort.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, where he was chairman of the trustee board and a member of the God & You Sunday school class. He was a past chairman of the board and board member of Nickel Plate Industrial Credit Union.

He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He helped manage Moose Little League baseball in the 1960s. He was an avid sports enthusiast and loved hunting and fishing.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sara and George Moran of Losantville, Minn. and Judy and Brad Jacks and Linda and Steve Brewer, all of Frankfort; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Laura Myers of Apple Valley, Minn. and Gary and Linda Myers of Angola; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Quick and Evelyn Cook; a brother, Lowell “Bud” Myers; a daughter, Mary Lynn Myers; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, Frankfort, with the Rev. Chuck Williams officiating. Calling will be Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Genda Funeral Home, Frankfort, and also one hour before services on Tuesday at the church.

Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.gendafuneralhome.com.

## Delsie Hess

STURGIS, Mich. — Delsie Agnes Hess, 65, of Sturgis, Mich. died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Hess was born in Steuben County on Nov. 18, 1940, to George and Arlene (Phillips) Wisel. She had lived in Sturgis for one year, moving from Shipshewana.

She had been a jail guard at Knott County Jail, and was last employed as a security guard for Newman Foundry in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Baptist church. She enjoyed crocheting and asparagus hunting.

Surviving are eight children and their spouses, Rhonda Huff of Lexington, Ky., Gladys and Galene Crafts of Sturgis, Mich., Mary Kinsinger of Shipshewana, Patricia and Pat Fergison and Cadena Hopkins, all of Elkhart, Tracy Morrow of Waterloo and Lacasta Hess and Travis Hess, both of Auburn; 36 grandchildren, including a special granddaughter she raised, Shila Slope of Butler; 27 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Cook of Kendallville and Georgette Berry of Spencerville; and three brothers, Gaylan Ned Wisel and Edward Wisel, both of Garrett, and George E. Wisel of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild; five great-grandchildren; and two husbands, Herbert Edward Maurer and Walter Daniel Hess.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the House of Prayer Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Farrand Funeral Home, White Pigeon, Mich., and from noon to 2 p.m. at the church on Monday.

Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

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# Joe Parker understood people and friendship

**BY BILL GISEL**
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KENDALLVILLE — Joe Parker's most recent profession may have been in auctioneering, but for many people who knew him well, he will be remembered most for his understanding of people and being a supportive friend.

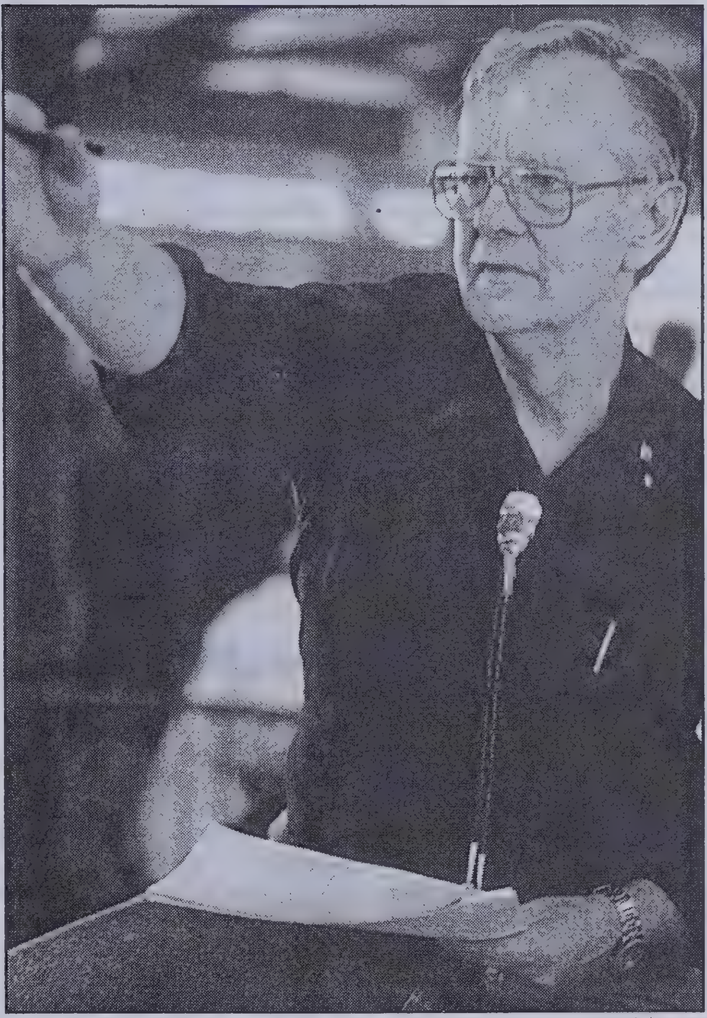
Mr. Parker, who died May 3 at the age of 72, worked in industry as well as public service before operating Joseph L. Parker Auctioneers for more than 30 years. His partner in business and in life was his wife, Madelynne.

"I appreciated the way he worked with people," said Dr. Tom Jansen, who said he had known Mr. Parker since childhood.

"At an auction, he made you feel a part of what was happening, even if you weren't a buyer," Jansen said. "He made it known that you were important, and he made it fun."

Jansen worked closely with Mr. Parker on the board of directors of the Apple Festival of Kendallville, and Jansen said he was most impressed by Mr. Parker's knack for understanding the needs of the vendors, and how meeting those needs was important to the success of the festival.

Mr. Parker was involved with the festival from the start, when it was but a dream of Barb Kelly and several others who planned and executed the first festival.



FILE PHOTO

**Joe Parker works at a past Noble County 4-H Fair auction, where he volunteered his services as an auctioneer. Mr. Parker, who died May 3, also is known as the man whose "vision" sealed the success of the annual Kendallville Apple Festival.**

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"He was there from the beginning," Kelly said of her friend. "He was the heart and soul. He was always looking out for the best interest of the festival.

"He loved what it was all about," Kelly continued. Mr. Parker's first interest was in the antique area, but he moved into taking care of the primitive area and proved to be the greatest asset of that popular activity, she said.

Mr. Parker was known as "Buckeye Joe" when he put on his primitive garb. His son, Bill Parker, also is involved with the festival and is chairman of the Pioneer Craft Village committee.

Kelly said Mr. Parker "was always there for me personally." Not being a native of the community, she said, "I was a new face. Joe gave me insights I wouldn't have otherwise had.

"He made the festival what it is. He was very selflessly devoted," Kelly said.

Cheri Bherns, a past festival president who has been involved with the Apple Festival for 12 years, said she appreciated Mr. Parker for his opinion on all things.

"When we were making a decision on something, he always made us think about what we were trying to accomplish. He kept us on track," she said.

Festival coordinator Amanda Taylor said a couple of volunteers are working on a tribute to Mr. Parker, for use in this year's festival publication.

"He was an amazing man, who had the vision to carry the festival to where it is," Taylor said. "He is going to be missed; already it doesn't seem the same without him."

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## Richard Lieberenz Sr.

AUBURN — Richard Lee Lieberenz Sr., 67, of Auburn died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Lieberenz retired in 2001 from Rollins Trucking after more than 35 years as a professional truck driver. He also drove a trucks from 1962 to 1979 for McCray Regrigeration and from 1979 to 1992 for No-Sag.

**Mr. Lieberenz**

He was well-known in Kendallville for portraying Santa Claus for 25 years.

He built and raced street stock cars, and raced in Avilla and Angola for many years. He loved NASCAR, fishing and hunting.

Mr. Lieberenz was a member of Harbor of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville and loved to read his Bible. He also belonged to the Moose Lodge in the past and served in the U.S. Army National Guard Reserves.

On July 29, 1938, he was born near South Milford in LaGrange County to Ivan and Ruth Violet (Troop) Lieberenz.

He was first married to Lillie Mae Robinson. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 1989.

He then married Carole Anne Kable in 1991, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Lisa Lieberenz Jr., Kendallville, and Edward and Krestina Ritchie, Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Shawn Powell, Antwerp, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Paula Ritchie, Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Sandra Kelly, Groton, Mass., and Catherine Carter, Newport News, Va.; a stepson, Edward Schultz, Wells, Minn.; seven grandchildren, Michael, Joseph and Christopher Thomas, Brandi Smolinske, Bree and Tailor Ritchie, and Lora Lee Lieberenz; four stepgrandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were a son, Elhanan Ritchie in 2005, and a half-brother, Paul Lepper Jr.

Services with military honors will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harbor of Love Baptist Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Ralph Kanaga

ASHLEY — Ralph Stanley Kanaga, 90, formerly of Ashley, died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Kanaga graduated from Ashley High School in 1932 and began farming. He farmed in the Ashley area until 1944, when he purchased the Kanaga homestead, which his grandfather, Samuel Altman Kanaga, had purchased in 1859. He was born on the farm.

After a few years he began working as a carpenter part-time until his son became old enough to farm. He then worked full-time as a farmer until semi-retirement in 1984. His grandfathers Kanaga and Slaybaugh both were carpenters.

Mr. Kanaga had been an active member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren since 1934, and was an active member of the Farm Bureau.

He resided at Shepherd of the Hill for six years.

He was born in DeKalb County to Samuel Leroy and Effie (Slaybaugh) Kanage on June 30, 1915.

He married Kennis Potts on April 13, 1934 in Garrett. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Judy (Shore) Kanaga, Eureka, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and George Witt, Ashley; five grandchildren and their spouses, Wes and Lori Kanaga, and Brad and Annette Kanaga, all of Washington, Ill, Kelly Kanaga, Metamore, Ill., Nancy and Brian Hoelscher, Eureka, Ill., and Albert Witt, Ashley; eight great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jonathan, Kody and Kassandra Kanaga, and Erin, Andrew, Matthew and Mia Hoelscher.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Ruth Gramling, and two grandchildren, Stanley Kanaga and Lori Ann Witt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with Rev. Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

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## A. Dean Blair

HAMILTON — A. Dean Blair, 80, of Hamilton, died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a self-employed carpenter until 1982. He then became the building trades teacher at Hamilton High School until his retirement in 1987.

Mr. Blair attended Hamilton Church of Christ in Hamilton.

On Oct. 9, 1925, in Hamilton, he was born to Arthur and Lydia (Bell) Blair. They preceded him in death.

He married Garland Dohner on July 7, 1943, in the Methodist Church parsonage in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Carol Blair, Hamilton, and Ronald and Donna Blair, Edgerton, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Marvin Baker, Hamilton; a stepsister and her husband, Joyce and Arnold Schaper, Ossian; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Keith and Debra Blair, Matthew and Amy Blair, Carissa Blair, Julia Sindel, Jim and Vicki Blair, Brenda and Kevin Beck, Don Foglesong, Brandon Nickols and Blair and Chris Richardson; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, William LaVon Blair, a grandson-in-law, Rodney Lee Sindel; and a sister, Mary Jane Blair.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton. Pallbearers will be Keith, Matthew and James Blair, Kevin Beck, Scott Sindel and Brandon Nickols.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or charity of donor's choice.

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## Brenda Davis

HAMILTON — Brenda Lee Davis, 40, died Sunday, May 28, 2006, in Angola.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker.

On Oct. 6, 1965, in Lexington, Ky., she was born to Allen Davis and Agness (Hall) Honaker.

Suriviving are a stepfather, Paul Honaker, Angola; a daughter, Jennifer Lee Davis, Hamilton; a son, Christopher Aaron Eb, Chicago; her companion Mark Bliss, Hamilton; her grandmother, Mable (Berryman) Durham, Lexington, Ky.; two brothers, Timothy and Rusty Davis, both of Fort Myers, Fla.; four stepbrothers, Alan Honaker, Angola, Danny Honaker, Butler, Bernie Honaker, Swansboro, N.C., and Gary Honaker, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Her parents and a sister, Debra Davis, preceded her in death.

Graveside services were held Friday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

## Barbara Foley

ANGOLA — Barbara E. Foley, 83, of Angola and formerly of South Bend, died Saturday, June 3, 2006, in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation, Angola.

Mrs. Foley was a registered nurse and worked for more than 20 years at St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend. She attended Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend.

In Lawrence, Mass., on April 9, 1923, she was born to Daniel and Irene (Press) Wall.

She married Joseph Foley on Oct. 29, 1944. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Joseph Foley, Chicago; three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and James Dyer, North Franklin, Conn., Kathleen and Kirk Harman, Angola, and Susan and Steve Suggs, Colorado Springs, Colo.; nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a sister, Eileen Cullivan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Medical Center, 801 E. LaSalle Ave., South Bend IN 46617.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct a daughter's name.*

## Bernice Flynn

KENDALLVILLE — Berince Clara Flynn, 92, of Kendallville, died at 6:40 a.m. Friday, June 2, 2006, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

On May 10, 1914, in Wanatah, she was born to Fred and Clara (Herbst) Bannwart.

She married John Thomas Flynn on Aug. 23, 1943, in Watertown, N.Y. while he was in the service. He preceded her in death on April 21, 1956.

She graduated from Michigan City High School in 1932, and was an active member of Albion Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and involved in church projects. She started the church's Sunday School program. She also was a member of the Noble County Retired Teachers Association and the Indiana and national teachers associations.

She enjoyed crocheting, baking cookies, flowers, crossword puzzles, and children — especially her grandchildren.

She was a kindergarten teacher for 37 years. She taught at Albion Elementary School from 1957 to 1980. She had started teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Michigan City.

Mrs. Flynn moved to Albion in 1947 from Michigan City, then moved to Kendallville after retiring in 1980. She had resided at the Shepherd of the Hill for the past two years.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol Ann and George Owen, rural Corunna, and Patricia Jean and Marion Combs, rural Kendallville; five grandchildren and their spouses, John D. and Melissa Owen, Jennifer and Chris Roberts, Erin and A.C. McCray, Jeff L. Owen and Mary Ann Fitch; and three great-grandchildren, Jordan, Madison and Jace Owen.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband and parents, were a brother, Emil Bannwart, and a sister, Bessie Herrick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, North Ridge Village, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Albion Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to graveside services at the cemetery.

Memorials are to Albion Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

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## Janice Gawthrop

GOSHEN — Janice K. Gawthrop, 68, of Goshen died Saturday, June 3, 2006, in a traffic accident near Goshen.

Mrs. Gawthrop has moved to Goshen in 1963 from Etna Green.

She had been in customer services for NIPSCO for 17 years. She was then employed as a planner and scheduler for Stow Davis in New Paris.

Mrs. Gawthrop graduated in 1956 from Mentone High School and in 1960 from Purdue University.

She was a member of Nappanee Missionary Church.

Mrs. Gawthrop had served on the 4-H Corp. Board of Directors for more than 30 years, on the Elkhart County Extension Advisory Board and on the 4-H Fair board.

She was born April 22, 1938, in Warsaw to Delford and Dorothy (Herring) Nelson. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Warsaw. She married James Gawthrop on June 6, 1959, in Mentone. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jama and Kerry Keaffaber of LaGrange and Jennifer and Greg Meens of Monticello; a son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Brenda Gawthrop of New Paris; two sisters, Cloanne Snyder of North Manchester and Martie Lennane of Warsaw; a brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Jeanne Nelson of Bourbon; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Nappanee Missionary Church with Pastor David Engbrecht officiating. Burial will be in Leesburg Cemetery of Leesburg.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Elkhart County 4-H Corp. for the Janice K. Gawthrop Memorial Scholarship.

## Marjorie Blume

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie L. Blume, 85, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Hamilton, Mo., she was a homemaker. She was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church and an original member of the Allen County Class of Master Gardeners for 19 years.

Surviving are her husband, Ervin "Doc" Blume of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. James Blume and Wanda Blume of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Jean-Pierre Bleger of Durango, Colo.; three grandsons; two granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Bethany United Methodist Church, 7715 Sunny Lane, Fort Wayne. The Rev. John Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Bethany United Methodist Church, 7715 Sunny Lane, Fort Wayne IN 46835.

## Lois Armstrong

AUBURN — Lois J. Armstrong, 79, of Auburn died Sunday, June 4, 2006, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

**Mrs. Armstrong**

Mrs. Armstrong was a real estate agent, owning and operating DeKalb Realty for 27 years.

She was born May 19, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Carl and Hazel E. (Bireley) Saylor. They preceded her in death.

She married George S. Armstrong Sr. on Sept. 1, 1948, in Waterloo. He died Oct. 12, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Marsha Armstrong, George and Nan Armstrong and John Armstrong and his companion, Brenda Patterson, all of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dave Winebrenner of Auburn; a sister, Dee Groff of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Valerie Armstrong, Marc and Krista Armstrong, Brent and Sonja Winebrenner, Eric Winebrenner, Sara and Josh Snyder, Ben and Kim Armstrong, Josh Armstrong, Kirk Armstrong, Jamie Armstrong and Jessica Armstrong; and six great-grandchildren, Landon Armstrong, Josef, Gavin and Paige Winebrenner and Trevor and Natalie Armstrong.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Don Saylor.

Private family services will be held Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St. Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Children First Center of Auburn.

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## A. Dean Blair

HAMILTON — A. Dean Blair, 80, of Hamilton died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a self-employed carpenter until 1982. He then became the building trades teacher at Hamilton High School until his retirement in 1987.

Mr. Blair attended Hamilton Church of Christ in Hamilton.

On Oct. 9, 1925, in Hamilton, he was born to Arthur and Lydia (Bell) Blair. They preceded him in death.

He married Garland Dohner on July 7, 1943, in the Methodist Church parsonage in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Carol Blair of Hamilton and Ronald and Donna Blair of Edgerton, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Marvin Baker of Hamilton; a stepsister and her husband, Joyce and Arnold Schaper of Ossian; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Keith and Debra Blair, Matthew and Amy Blair, Carissa Blair, Julia Sindel, Jim and Vicki Blair, Brenda and Kevin Beck, Dawn Foglesong, Brandon Nickols and Blair and Chris Richardson; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, William LaVon Blair; a grandson-in-law, Rodney Lee Sindel; and a sister, Mary Jane Blair.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton. Pallbearers will be Keith, Matthew and James Blair, Kevin Beck, Scott Sindel and Brandon Nickols.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or charity of donor's choice.

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## Ralph Kanaga

ASHLEY — Ralph Stanley Kanaga, 90, formerly of Ashley died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Kanaga graduated from Ashley High School in 1932 and began farming. He farmed in the Ashley area until 1944, when he purchased the Kanaga homestead, which his grandfather, Samuel Altman Kanaga, had purchased in 1859. He was born on the farm.

After a few years, he began working as a carpenter part-time until his son became old enough to farm. He then worked full-time as a carpenter until semiretirement in 1984. His grandfathers Kanaga and Slaybaugh both were carpenters.

Mr. Kanaga had been an active member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren since 1934 and was an active member of the Farm Bureau.

He resided at Shepherd of the Hill for six years.

He was born in DeKalb County to Samuel Leroy and Effie (Slaybaugh) Kanage on June 30, 1915.

He married Kennis Potts on April 13, 1934, in Garrett. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Judy (Shore) Kanaga of Eureka, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and George Witt of Ashley; five grandchildren and their spouses, Wes and Lori Kanaga and Brad and Annette Kanaga, all of Washington, Ill., Kelly Kanaga of Metamore, Ill., Nancy and Brian Hoelscher of Eureka, Ill., and Albert Witt of Ashley; eight great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jonathan, Kody and Kassandra Kanaga and Erin, Andrew, Matthew and Mia Hoelscher.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Ruth Gramling; and two grandchildren, Stanley Kanaga and Lori Ann Witt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with the Rev. Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

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## DeWayne Schlosser

PLEASANT LAKE — DeWayne F. Schlosser, 68, died Monday, June 5, 2006, at his home on Golden Lake in rural Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Schlosser worked as a engineer at Dana Corp./Eaton Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 2000 after 27 years of service. He was a graduate of Tri-State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola and the Knights of Columbus.

He was born July 23, 1937, in Waterloo to Edward F. and Veronica C. (May) Schlosser. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Waterloo.

He married Norma Jean Hohman on July 27, 1957, in Auburn. She died Sept. 6, 2003.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Patricia Schlosser of Auburn and Kraig and Brenda Schlosser of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Brian Flesch of Decatur; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill J. and Sandy Schlosser of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Charlotte Miller of Golden Lake and Mary Jo and Russ Burden of Waterloo; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kyle Schlosser.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Fred Pasche and Father Babasino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a vigil service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or to the American Cancer Society.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

## Delsie Hess

STURGIS, Mich. — Delsie Agnes Hess, 65, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Hess was born in Steuben County on Nov. 18, 1940, to George and Arlene (Phillips) Wisel. She had lived in Sturgis for one year, moving from Shipshewana.

She had been a jail guard at Knott County Jail and was last employed as a security guard for Newnam Foundry in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Baptist church. She enjoyed crocheting and asparagus hunting.

Surviving are eight children and their spouses, Rhonda Hough of Lexington, Ky., Gladys "Galene" Crafts of Sturgis, Mich., Mary Kinsinger of Shipshewana, Patricia "Pat" Fergison and Cadena Hopkins, both of Elkhart, Tracy Morrow of Waterloo and Lacasta Hess and Travis Hess, both of Auburn; 36 grandchildren, including a special granddaughter she raised, Shila Slone of Butler; 27 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Cook of Kendallville and Georgetta Berry of Spencerville; and three brothers, Gaylon Ned Wisel and Edward Wisel, both of Garrett, and George E. Wisel of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild; five great-grandchildren; and two husbands, Herbert Edward Maurer and Walter Daniel Hess.

Services were Monday at the House of Prayer Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery.

## Marguerita Scott

HOWE — Marguerita Scott, 83, of Howe died Sunday, June 4, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She had moved to Howe in 2004 from Southgate, Mich.

Mrs. Scott was a homemaker.

She was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich., Southgate Senior Citizens and the Red Hat Society of LaGrange.

She was born July 19, 1922, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Carlo and Edith (Ball) Vicchio. She married Harry Scott Jr. on Sept. 6, 1941, in Melvindale, Mich. He died March 2.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles "DeDe" Renaud Jr. of Monroe, Mich.; a son, Dr. Harry Scott II and Dr. Rosemarie Scott of Howe; a sister, Doris Perrault of Taylor, Mich.; two grandchildren, Tiffany Renaud and Charles J. Renaud III; and two great-grandchildren, Alexis and Casey Renaud.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Sammy and Angelo Vicchio; and a granddaughter, Marguerita Renaud.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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## Tom Tahara

MIDDLEBURY — Tom Tetsuo Tahara, 77, of Middlebury died Sunday, June 4, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Tahara

Mr. Tahara spent his formative years in Olympia, Wash., where his parents, who were Japanese immigrants, operated a fruit farm. When he was in the sixth grade, his family was relocated to an internment camp at Tule Lake Center, Calif., for the duration of World War II.

At the end of the war, Church of the Brethren Pastor Mark Schrock brought the Tahara family to the Goshen area.

He graduated from Middlebury Joint School in 1947 and followed his brother, Paul, to poultry sexing school in California. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, N.C., for two years.

Mr. Tahara translated and coordinated work for other Japanese sexors in hatcheries throughout northern Indiana and served one term as president of the Chick Sexors Federation of America. He eventually worked as a duck sexor at Mapleaf Farms in Milford and operated Hoosier Hatchery in Middlebury.

Following his retirement from poultry sexing, he served as manager of Krider Nursery and Crystal Valley Manor.

Mr. Tahara was a member of Warren Street Mennonite Church. Following the Palm Sunday tornadoes of 1965, the church became Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church, where he taught Sunday school and served as a deacon, treasurer and moderator.

He was a charter member of Maplecrest Country Club in Goshen and was a member of the Middlebury and Crystal Valley Exchange Clubs.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Sandra (Buchtel) Tahara; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry of Bremen, Tim and Denise of Elkhart and Kelly and Deb of Middlebury; a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Michael Miller of Middlebury; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Rachel Hartzler and the Rev. Eugene Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be in from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Northridge Dollars or Scholars or the Goshen Health System Hospice Services.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Eldon Russell

SUMMERFIELD, Fla. — Eldon R. Russell, 86, of Summerfield died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Arbor Village Nursing Home in Wildwood, Fla.

Mr. Russell was a Kendallville native and had moved to Florida in 1996 from Wolcottville. He had been employed at McCray Refrigeration.

He was a member of Lady Lake Methodist Church.

Mr. Russell served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a past commander of an American Legion post.

He enjoyed landscaping, gardening and fishing.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Golda I. Russell of Summerfield; two sons, John H. and Eldon Jr., both of Wolcottville; a daughter, Judith Bruder of Wolcottville; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Roberts Funeral Homes, Bruce Chapel East, in Ocala was in charge of arrangements.

## Albert Pepple

FORT WAYNE — Albert "Al" Pepple, 76, of Fort Wayne died Monday, June 5, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Pepple was a heavy equipment operator for Bercot-Gibson Construction Co.

A native of LaOtto, he was the son of Arolo and Ora Pepple. They are deceased.

Mr. Pepple was a member of Agape Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Ann Pepple; four sons and daughters-in-law, Denny and Linda Pepple, Terry and Jo Ellen Pepple, Tom and Deb Pepple and John and Kim Pepple, all of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother; and three sisters.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. with the Rev. Jerry Brenneman and the Rev. Keith Simmons officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

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## Timothy Sisco

BLUFFTON — Timothy C. Sisco, 18, of Bluffton and formerly of Fremont died Monday, June 5, 2006, in Fremont.

Mr. Sisco

Mr. Sisco was born Oct. 6, 1987, in Angola to Michelle (Sisco) Engle and Kim Willibey. He worked in construction and was also formerly employed at the McDonald's in Berne.

He attended Steuben County area schools and South Adams Schools and had recently earned his General Equivalency Diploma. He enjoyed fishing, farming, hunting, dirt bikes and the lake.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Michelle and Tim Engle of Bluffton; his father and stepmother, Kim and Diana Willibey of Angola; his grandparents, Carl and Pat Sisco of Fremont and Donnell and Shirley Willibey of Hamilton; his stepgrandparents, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo and Don and Carol Engle of Bluffton; two sisters, Kirsten and Tana Willibey, both of Angola; a brother, Taylor Sisco-Milleman of Angola; two stepsisters, Shaye and Shelby Engle, both of Bluffton; and a special friend, Sierra Charters of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his stepgrandfather, John Parsell.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the IOOF Cemetery in Dunkirk, with the Rev. Kent Ringger officiating.

Pallbearers will be Korey Barnes, Matt Garvin, Grant Workman, Ryan Workman, Kevin Willibey and Carl Masters. Honorary pallbearers will be Kyler Carvel and Taylor Sisco-Milleman.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family in care of Beams Funeral Home, P.O. Box 5, Fremont, IN 46737.

## Josephine Sneider

AVON PARK, Fla. — Josephine C. Sneider, 97, of Avon Park, Fla., died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, in Avon Park.

Mrs. Sneider was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug.19, 1908, to John and Anna (Franz) Schramek. She was a homemaker of the Catholic faith and had been a resident of Avon Park since 2003, coming from Angola.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Larry Votaw of Avon Park; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Patricia Sneider of Bemidji, Minn.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Avon Park. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg, Fla.

## Dorthea Fisher

ANGOLA — Dorthea Elizabeth Fisher, 91, of Angola died Monday, June 5, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Fisher

Mrs. Fisher was born June 11, 1914, in Jackson Township, Steuben County to Louis F. and Audra (Doudt) Parsell. She was married to Clifford Fisher on Oct. 31, 1936, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 1996.

She was a secretary for a local attorney until marriage and was then a homemaker. She was a member of Flint United Methodist Church and its Women's Club, the Red Cross and Extension Homemakers Club. She also helped with Jackson Township 4-H.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gale and Connie Fisher of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Garry Henney of Angola; a sister, Lois Maugherman of Angola; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Deloss Parsell; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jerry Machgan officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Memorials are to Flint United Methodist Church.

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## Norman Bell

LAKE GEORGE — Former Fort Wayne businessman Norman G. Bell, 90, of Lake George died Friday, June 2, 2006.

Following service in World War II, Mr. Bell and his associate Robert Federspiel founded Customcraft Inc. in 1945, designing and fabricating custom commercial cabinetry and industrial products used in trade exhibits. After Customcraft was sold in 1979 and became Icon Inc., Mr. Bell served as general manager until he retired in 1981.

He was very active in the Jaycees, Optimist, Rotary and Fort Wayne Advertising clubs. He was also a member of the Indiana Manufacturing Association, Fort Wayne Builders Association and the Exhausted Roosters Club. He was instrumental in efforts to have the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum built and the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne restored. He was involved with the first Sports and Home Shows in Fort Wayne.

He and his brother-in-law, John Larimore, co-designed and built the Inland Cat, one of the very first all-fiberglass sailboats. A large fleet of Inland Cats continues to be active at Lake George.

After retirement, he became an avid woodturner and belonged to the International Wood Collectors and the American Woodturner's associations.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; a son, Gregory Bell; a daughter, Kathleen Skinner; a grandson, Andrew Skinner; and a sister, Bette Reed.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Larimore, in 1988; four brothers, Bruce, Ray, Bob and Noble; and two sisters, Helen Bell and Agnes Wilson.

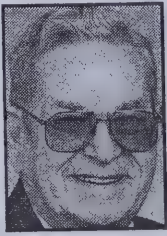
Services will be at 10 a.m. today at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, 301 W. Superior St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

## Donald Goodwin

KENDALLVILLE — Donald H. Goodwin, 84, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


**Mr. Goodwin**

Mr. Goodwin was the owner and operator of Auburn TV and Appliance from 1949 to 1968 and pioneered early television viewing in the area. He also served as a representative for Capital Appliance Distributors of Indianapolis until 1983.

He graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne in 1939 and completed the General Electric Apprentice School in 1943 as a certified tool and die maker.

Mr. Goodwin was in the U.S. Navy during World War II serving from May 1944 to January 1946.

He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

Mr. Goodwin enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing and bowling.

He was born July 11, 1921, in Blackstone, Va., to Russell and Audrey (Dunnavant) Goodwin. He married Martha Jane Rentfrow on Feb. 27, 1944, in the West Creighton Christian Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Alan Miller of Morris, Ill., Nancy and Joe Orr of Sedro Woolley, Wash., and Diane Bratton of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Dave Goodwin and Linda Lademan of Grosse Ille, Mich.; a sister, Kathryn Armstrong of Little Turkey Lake; eight grandchildren, David Goodwin, Brian Goodwin, Scott Miller, Todd Miller, Aaron Orr, Anna Orr, Kris Koskie and Tim Koskie; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Russell Goodwin, in January 1993.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## James Cooper

BUTLER — James L. Cooper, 70, of Butler died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Cooper worked at Foley Pattern Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1998. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Dec. 26, 1935, at Pennington Gap, Va., to Hobert and Ollie J. (Green) Cooper. They preceded him in death.

He married Opal E. Hager on Dec. 20, 1972, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra K. and Richard Burniston of Auburn and Diane M. and Ralph McDaniel of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron G. and Brenda Cooper of Butler and Tim L. Cooper; four sisters, Sandra K. Graves of Indianapolis, Marie Masterson of Mooresville, Kathern Hatton of Greenwood and Lexie Weaver of Knoxville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Harley and Nila Cooper of Auburn and Stanley Cooper of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary W. Cooper; a sister, Sue Bernet; and two brothers, Franklin D. Cooper and Harold Cooper.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

## Kathleen Collins

GARRETT — Kathleen J. Collins, 86, of Garrett died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, in Langhorne, Pa.

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker.

She was born July 20, 1919, in Garrett to John V. and Maudie (Moughler) Applegate.

Her husband, Arthur S. Collins, died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Barbara Collins of Langhorne, Pa., and Kim and Joyce Collins of Owing Mill, Md.; two sisters, Gwen Conkie and Jessie Bauman, both of Auburn; and a granddaughter, Virginia Killgalen.

She was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Monet LaVine

FORT WAYNE — Monet D. LaVine, 89, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at Heritage Park Health Care Center.

She was an inspector for Magnavox Corp, retiring in 1976.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Mary Jo LaVine of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Shellenbarger of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Eugene LaVine; and three brothers, Charles, Floyd and Hubert Shellenbarger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Roanoke.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church of Fremont.

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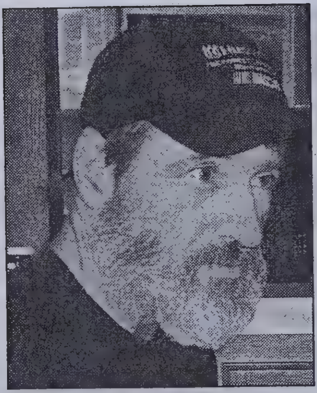


# Donald Gene Lortie, 49

Donald Gene Lortie, 49, of Columbia City, IN died at 7:16 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2006 at his home.

He was born in Fort Wayne, IN on November 8, 1956 to Dallas and Donna (Hyser) Lortie, Sr.

The majority of Donald's life was spent in Noble and Whitley Counties, IN. He attended school in Winston-Salem, NC. He worked at Viking Corporation from 1999-2003 and various other factory work before that.

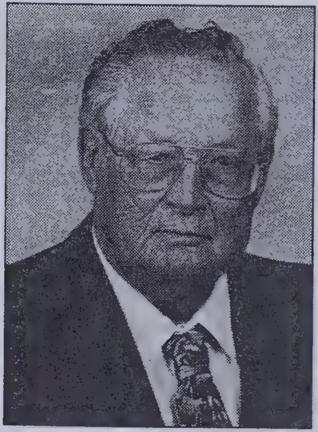
Survirors include his fiance, Debra Brown, Columbia City, IN; 5 brothers; Dallas (Mary) Lortie,, Albion, IN; Tim Lortie, Prairie Du Chien, WI; Edward (Carol) Lortie, Fort Wayne, IN; Jaime (Starr) Lortie, McGregor, IA; Lee Hein, Angola, IN; 1 sister; Annette (Randy) Welling, IN 5 children, Michael and Mitchel Lortie, both from Fort Wayne, IN; Tammy and Melissa Lortie both from MI; Krystal Utter, MO; 3 stepsons, Kyle, Dustin and Nicholas Egner all from columbia City, IN and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dallas and Donna (Hyser) Lortie; sisters, Peggy and Patty Lortie and ex-wife Debra Ditmer.

A memorial was held June 6, 2006 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Counrtyside Drive, Columbia City, IN. Sharon Bockhaus and Eddie Beagles, Certified Funeral Celebrants of DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home officiated.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mr. Lortie's memory to the family in lieu of flowers.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mr. Lortie's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.



# Richard Maloney, 78

CHURUBUSCO - Richard L. Maloney, 78, of Churubusco died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Maloney was a farmer and had retired in 1990 as a machinist with Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne. He had lived on the family farm where he was born for the past 41 years.

He graduated in 1945 from Huntertown High School.

Mr. Maloney was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and the Knights of Columbus in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 1, 1927, in Eel River Township to William and Anna (Riecke) Maloney. He married Marilyn Gump on July 28, 1951, in rural Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Arnold and Donna and Dave Crowl, all of Fort Wayne, and Karen Fitch and Bev and Shane Rodocker, all of Huntertown; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rose Maher, Jean and Marlow Gump, all of Fort Wayne, and Barbara and Bob Wood of Columbia City; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Bill Maloney on Sept. 16, 2002; a brother, Billy Maloney; and two sisters, Betty Ann Carsten and Sharon Woods.

Services were held Saturday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church. Father Danny Pinto officiated. Burial was at the Ege Catholic Cemetery in Ege.

Memorials are to St. John Bosco Catholic Church or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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## Bernice Flynn, 92

KENDALLVILLE — Bernice Clara Flynn, 92, of Kendallville, died at 6:40 a.m. Friday, June 2, 2006, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

On May 10, 1914, in Wanatah, she was born to Fred and Clara (Herbst) Bannwart.

She married John Thomas Flynn on Aug. 23, 1943 in Watertown, N.Y. while he was in the service. He preceded her in death on April 21, 1956.

She graduated from Michigan City High School in 1932 and was an active member of Albion Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and involved in church projects. She started the church's Sunday School program. She also was a member of the Noble County Retired Teachers Association and the Indiana and national teachers associations.

She enjoyed crocheting, baking cookies, flowers, crossword puzzles, and children — especially her grandchildren.

She was a kindergarten teacher for 37 years. She taught at Albion Elementary School from 1957 to 1980. She had started teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Michigan City.

Mrs. Flynn moved to Albion in 1947 from Michigan City, then moved to Kendallville after retiring in 1980. She had resided at the Shepherd of the Hill for the past two years.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol Ann and George Owen, rural Corunna, and Patricia Jean and Marion Combs, rural Kendallville; five grandchildren and their spouses, John D. and Melissa Owen, Jennifer and Chris Roberts, Erin and A.C. McCray, Jeff L. Owen and Mary Ann Fitch; and three great-grandchildren, Jordan, Madison and Jace Owen.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband and parents, were a brother, Emil Bannwart, and a sister, Bessie Herrick.

Services were held Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, North Ridge Village, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Albion Trinity United Methodist Church officiated. Burial was at the Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City.

Memorials are to Albion Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

## Eugene H. Best, Sr., 85

Eugene H. Best Sr. 85 of Albion, IN died at 8:55 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Mr. Best was born June 9, 1920 in Delphos, OH to Oscar W. and Pearl May Best.

Eugene married Phyllis A. Shaffer on October 31, 1941 in Garrett, IN. She died April 20, 1997.

Mr. Best was a truck driver for 33 years at Ellis trucking in Fort Wayne, IN retiring in October 1979. He was a member of the Garrett VFW and the Pierston American Legion Post. He was on the Albion Police Reserves for 23 years.

Survivors include daughters: Marianne Mathieu, Antwerp, OH; Barbara Dailey, Fort Wayne, IN; Nancy Smith, North Carolina; Teresa Longenecker, Milford, IN and Judith Trowbridge, Albion, IN. Two brothers: Norman Best, Indianapolis, IN and Richard Best, Lafayette, IN. 19 Grandchildren and 14 Great-grandchildren.

Mr. Best was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis A. Best; parents Oscar W. and Pearl May Best; son Eugene Best, Jr.; daughter Sandy Best; brothers Howard, Ralph, Donald and Clarence Best along with sisters Helen Bassinger and Martha Rudnicki.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with military services presented by the Albion American Legion.

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# Leo H. Bixler, 96

Leo H. Bixler, 96, a former resident of Churubusco, died at 9:44 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. He had resided with his daughter in Garrett for a period and had been a patient at the nursing home for the past three weeks.

Mr. Bixler was born in Monroe Township in Adams County on January 24, 1910, a son of Eli and Grace (Rickner) Bixler.

He was married in Fort Wayne on November 19, 1938 to Dorthea L. Wenner, and later served with the U.S. Army during World War II in Central Europe and the Rhineland. He and his wife had lived in Churubusco since 1949. She preceded him in death in 2003.

Employed at Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire Company in fort Wayne, he retired from their INCA division as an insulator in 1975. He had also worked at the Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne for seven years.

Mr. Bixler was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco.

Survivors include: daughter Lorraine A. (Neal) Zolman of Garrett; a sister Faye of Sidney, OH; 2 granddaughters Della (Tony) Thompson of Auburn and Doreen (Chet) Brown of Garrett; and 5 great-grandchildren Gabrielle Thompson, Matea Thompson, Ross Thompson, Tori Brown and Elli Brown.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by 3 sisters Leota Bixler, Martha Yost, and Mildred Corson; and by 2 brothers Raymond Bixler and Gerald Bixler.

Services were held Monday, June 5, 2006 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiated.

Interment with military graveside rites was at the Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

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# Richard Lieberenz Sr., 67

AUBURN — Richard Lee Lieberenz Sr., 67, of Auburn died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Lieberenz retired in 2001 from Rollins Trucking after more than 35 years as a professional truck driver. He also drove a truck from 1962 to 1979 for McCray Regrigeration and from 1979 to 1992 for No-Sag.

He was well-known in Kendallville for portraying Santa Claus for 25 years.

He built and raced street stock cars and raced in Avilla and Angola for many years. He loved NASCAR, fishing and hunting.

Mr. Lieberenz was a member of Harbor of Love Baptist Church near Kendallville and loved to read his Bible. He also belonged to the Moose Lodge in the past and served in the U.S. Army National Guard Reserves.

On July 29, 1938, he was born near South Milford in LaGrange County to Ivan and Ruth Violet (Troop) Lieberenz.

He was first married to Lillie Mae Robinson. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 1989.

He then married Carole Anne Kable in 1991, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Lisa Lieberenz Jr., Kendallville, and Edward and Krestina Ritchie, Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Shawn Powell, Antwerp, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Paula Ritchie, Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Sandra Kelly, Groton, Mass., and Catherine Carter, Newport News, Va.; a stepson, Edward Schultz, Wells, Minn.; seven grandchildren, Michael, Joseph and Christopher Thomas, Brandi Smolinske, Bree and Tailor Ritchie, and Lora Lee Lieberenz; four step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were a son, Elhanan Ritchie in 2005, and a half-brother, Paul Lepper Jr.

Services with military honors were held Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Pastor Charles Mosley officiated. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Harbor of Love Baptist Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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# Fannie Whittaker, 92

CHURUBUSCO - Fannie A. Whittaker, 92, of Columbia City and formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, June 1, 2006, at her home. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Whittaker had been employed at McCoy's Hatchery in Churubusco, Lyall Electric in Albion and Frank's Greenhouse in Columbia City.

She enjoyed painting, reading, raising chickens and quilting. She had won awards for growing orchids.

She was born March 8, 1914, in Churubusco to Charles and Mary (Tucker) Wilkins. She married Homer Whittaker on March 27, 1932. He died Oct. 4, 2002.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jack and Linda Whittaker of Kendallville, Homer and Sharon Whittaker of Churubusco, Frank Whittaker, and Jim and Ann Whittaker of Norman, Ark.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Bob Poynter of Churubusco, Karen and Jerry Campbell of Olive Hill, Ky., and Linda and Darrell Yates of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Harold Bushong of Albion; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Lena Ferguson, Elma Garrison and Edna Addis; and two brothers, Dawson Wilkins and Frank Wilkins.

Services were held Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Chaplain Kenneth Weaver officiated. Burial was at the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun with additional information.*

## Timothy Sisco

BLUFFTON — Timothy C. Sisco, 18, of Bluffton and formerly of Fremont died Monday, June 5, 2006, in Fremont.

Mr. Sisco

Mr. Sisco was born Oct. 6, 1987, in Angola to Michelle (Sisco) Engle and Kim Willibey. He worked in construction and was also formerly employed at the McDonald's in Berne.

He attended Steuben County area schools and South Adams Schools and had recently earned his General Equivalency Diploma. He enjoyed fishing, farming, hunting, dirt bikes and the lake.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Michelle and Tim Engle of Bluffton; his father and stepmother, Kim and Diana Willibey of Angola; his grandparents, Carl and Pat Sisco of Fremont and Donnell and Shirley Willibey of Hamilton; his stepgrandparents, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo and Don and Carol Engle of Bluffton; two sisters, Kirsten and Tana Willibey, both of Angola; a brother, Taylor Sisco-Milleman of Angola; two stepsisters, Shaye and Shelby Engle, both of Bluffton; and a special friend, Sierra Charters of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his stepgrandfather, John Parsell.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the IOOF Cemetery in Dunkirk, with the Rev. Kent Ringger officiating.

Pallbearers will be Korey Barnes, Matt Garvin, Grant Workman, Ryan Workman, Kevin Willibey and Carl Masters. Honorary pallbearers will be Kyler Carvel and Taylor Sisco-Milleman.

Calling will be today from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Indiana North District Youth Camp, 401 W. 39th St., Marion, IN 46953.

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## Loran Growcock

LIGONIER — Memorial services for Loran Dean Growcock of Ligonier will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Needler residence, 69674 C.R. 21, New Paris.

Mr. Growcock, 47, died Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at his Ligonier home. He was the owner of Loran's Body Shop in Albion.

Among his survivors are his finance, Sandra Bankson of Ligonier; a daughter, Toni (Bankson) Power and her husband, Tom Power, of Nevada; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Rod Growcock of Goshen, Larry and Dina Growcock of Italy and Blane Growcock of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Jerry Needler of New Paris; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Wava Nicholas

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wava Nicholas, 80, of Wolcottville died at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nicholas

Mrs. Nicholas was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She had been an assembler at Pent Electric.

She was born June 25, 1925, in Stroh to Chessie and Mary Jane (Ratliff) Wells. She married Robert Nicholas Sr. on July 5, 1946, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and James Cassell of North Webster; a son, Robert Nicholas Jr. of Valparaiso; a brother, Arthur Wells of LaGrange ; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Wayne Wells on Oct. 4, 2004; and a sister, Gladys Shultz, in 1964.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun to include an additional surviving relative.*

## James Cooper

BUTLER — James L. Cooper, 70, of Butler died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Cooper worked at Foley Pattern Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1998. He loved the outdoors, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Dec. 26, 1935, at Pennington Gap, Va., to Hobert and Ollie J. (Green) Cooper. They preceded him in death.

He married Opal E. Hager on Dec. 20, 1972, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra K. and Richard Burniston of Auburn and Diane M. and Ralph McDaniel of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron G. and Brenda Cooper of Butler and Tim L. Cooper; a stepson, Rick Harmon of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Sandra K. Graves of Indianapolis, Marie Masterson of Mooresville, Kathern Hatton of Greenwood and Lexie Weaver of Knoxville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Harley and Nila Cooper of Auburn and Stanley Cooper of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary W. Cooper; a sister, Sue Bernet; and two brothers, Franklin D. Cooper and Harold Cooper.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

## Larry Isham

GARRETT — Larry R. Isham, 50, of Garrett died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at 6:01 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Isham

Mr. Isham had worked as a welder for M & S Steel in Garrett.

He was born Oct. 5, 1955, in Garrett to Richard and Barbara J. (Nodine) Isham. His mother preceded him in death.

Surviving are his father, Richard Isham of Garrett; a son, Richard L. Isham of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Amelia Isham of Kiel, Wis., Kimberly Isham of Auburn, Joni Isham of Garrett and Carrie Isham of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Gary Isham and Donald Isham, both of Garrett; two sisters, Theresa Thacker and Cindy Washler, both of Garrett, and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Pastor Dana Taylor officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family to assist with expenses.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

## Donald High

CORUNNA — Donald LeRoy High, 77, of Corunna died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. High worked in the maintenance department at Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1994 after 34 years of service. After retiring, he mowed for the town of Corunna.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Auburn Lodge 556.

He was born Oct. 25, 1928, in DeKalb County to Paul and Ella (Sams) High. They preceded him in death.

He married Lois Deskins on Sept. 19, 1968, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Scotty High of Garrett and John High of Auburn; two daughters, Donna Morningstar of Auburn and Karen Hicks of Alabama; a brother and sister-in-law, Stan and Donna High of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Rhea and Arnold Long of Michigan; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Jeff Horn; a grandson, Wade Slone; and two brothers, Max High and Dale High.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

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## Forrest Rudolph

WATERLOO — Forrest A. “Sport” Rudolph, 76, of rural Waterloo died Thursday, June 8, 2006, at his home.

**Mr. Rudolph**

Mr. Rudolph was a lifetime farmer. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club and the DeKalb County Horseman’s Association.

He was born Jan. 30, 1930, in DeKalb County to George LeRoy Rudolph and Esther O. (Housel) Rudolph.

He married Marilyn Joann Miller on Nov. 10, 1953, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard A. and Cheryl Rudolph of Waterloo and Roger L. and Kim Rudolph of Corunna; a daughter, Roseann M. Rudolph of Waterloo; three sisters, Betty Sebert of Butler, Nellie Wiggins of Waterloo and Rhoada Bainbridge of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Bradley M., Jessica A., Matthew A. and Kristin M. Rudolph; and three great-grandchildren, Michaela and Cameron Rudolph and Ashlyn Seigel.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Thomas A. Rudolph; and four brothers, Bill, Kenneth, Willis and Willard Rudolph.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club and the DeKalb County Horseman’s Association.

## Arthur Carpenter Jr.

ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Arthur Carpenter Jr., 58, of Algansee Township, Mich., died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

**Mr. Carpenter**

Mr. Carpenter was born July 20, 1947, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Arthur Leland and Frances (Paradine) Carpenter. He married Bonnie J. Lukazcek on July 20, 1969, in Coldwater, Mich., and she preceded him in death on Sept. 12, 1992.

He was a lifelong resident of Branch County, Mich., graduating from Quincy High School in 1965. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a member of Pine Ridge Bible Church in Quincy. He had a great love of farming, owning and operating his own farm in Algansee Township for 26 years. He served on many agriculture-related boards, was a member of Future Farmers of America and was involved in all aspects of 4-H since childhood.

He was an avid John Deere antique tractor collector and was the superintendent of antique tractors at the Branch County 4-H Fair.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Chad Lee and Daneen Carpenter of Reading, Mich., and Jason Andrew and Rachael Carpenter of Charleston, S.C.; his parents in Reading; a brother, Randy Carpenter of Maysville, Ky.; his best friend and companion, Diann Greenamyer of Montgomery, Mich.; and a grandson, Jason Reynolds of Reading.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Pine Ridge Bible Church, with the Rev. Rick Nohr officiating. Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, Mich.

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## Louis Lengacher

GRABILL — Louis Lee Lengacher, 78, of Grabill died peacefully Thursday, June 8, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

**Mr. Lengacher**

Mr. Lengacher was a commercial contractor for more than 50 years. He built many of Fort Wayne's landmark buildings, including numerous churches, hotels, Midtown Crossing and Glenbrook Square, participated in building the Grand Wayne Center and Fort Wayne city parking garage and renovated city park buildings.

He was a member of the Grabill Missionary Church, where he had served as a deacon and elder. He loved his family and the Lord. He enjoyed the teaching and the fellowship of the Bridgebuilders Sunday School Class that he attended.

He was born May 1, 1928, in Allen County to Amos and Emma (Delagrange) Lengacher. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Margueriette (Weirich) Lengacher; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph and Lee Lengacher of Fort Wayne and Reynold and Kim Lengacher of Orlando, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda and Stan Whittern of Grabill and Mona and Marlin Steury of Leo; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Cindi and Tom DeSomer of Oswego, N.Y., Matt Whittern of Fort Wayne, Ashley and Chris Parent of Fort Wayne, Casey and Rebecca Lengacher of Lexington, Ky., Kyle Steury, Kayla Steury and Kortney Steury, all of Leo, and Amber Lengacher and Riley Lengacher, both of Orlando; and three great-grandchildren, Alexa, Caleb and Patrick.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Mervin Lengacher.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Grabill Missionary Church with Pastor Bill Lepley officiating. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Grabill Missionary Church Deacon Fund.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

## Marion Christiansen

KENDALLVILLE — Marion Roberta Christiansen of Kendallville died Monday, June 5, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Christiansen was a member of Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville.

She was born April 20, 1917, in Portland, Maine.

Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Link of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joel Jr. and Betty Christiansen of Norwalk, Ohio, and Carl and Elaine Christiansen of Wichita Falls, Texas; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joel Christiansen Sr.; a brother, Earl Hodgkins; and three grandchildren, Diane Mullen, Timothy Link and Daniel Burdick.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Olinger Highland Mortuary in Thornton, Colo. Burial will be in Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colo.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the church.

Hockeymeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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## B. Jean Getts

AVILLA — B. Jean Getts, 81, of Avilla died Friday, June 9, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Getts was a registered nurse with Visiting Nurse Service for 20 years. Born in Kendallville, she was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Star of the East 514. She loved arts, crafts and playing cards.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Victor L. and Corky Getts of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer J. and Tim Ley of Kendallville and Carla S. and Dennis Menerey of Carmel; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Getts was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil, in 1990; a son, Thomas, in 1955; a daughter, Linda, in 1996; and two brothers, Charles Walter and Trevor Walter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Ralph Easterhaus will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Crippled Children or St. John's Lutheran Church.

## Donald McCormack

FORT WAYNE — Donald R. McCormack, 76, died Thursday, June 8, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Before retirement in 1990, Mr. McCormack was a certified public accountant for 43 years, including 38 years as CEO and CPA for Krouse, Kern CPA firm. Born in Pontiac, Mich., he was a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church and a past board member of ACRES, New Haven Kiwanis Club and Toastmasters. He was a veteran of the U.S Army.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Karen J. and Todd Tribbett of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, David S. and Patricia McCormack of Auburn; five grandchildren, Asley Pitzen, Emilee Pitzen, Mary Pitzen, Michael McCormack and Lacey McCormack; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Jackie Moran of Bremen, Germany; and two brothers, Neil McCormack of Cedars, Mich., and Michael McCormack of Lake Worth, Fla.

Mr. McCormack was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen McCormack; and a sister, Carolyn Pearsall.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Roberta Ring will officiate. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to ACRES or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

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# Mrs. Kloepfer left a legacy of love

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Steuben County native Wanda Kloepfer poses with the limousine her niece and nephew-in-law hired for her on her 90th birthday in April 2005.

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**BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND**
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FAYETTE, Ohio — Steuben County native Wanda Kloepfer never had any children of her own, but her niece, Beverly Manley, said she and her aunt had a parent-child-type relationship.

"She was the sweetest thing," Beverly said. "She was like my mother. She was very, very special."

Mrs. Kloepfer was diagnosed with colon cancer in January 2005. Although doctors gave her only three to four months to live, she beat the odds and lived for a year after her diagnosis. She died at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, on Jan. 16. She was 90.

"She kept going. She was going places right up until the last week," Beverly said.

Pauline Jones was Mrs. Kloepfer's best friend for 60 years.

"Ours was never a platonic, here today, gone tomorrow friendship. It grew deeper with respect and love as each year passed," Pauline said. "If memory serves me correctly, there was never an unkind word said between us."

Mrs. Kloepfer was born in Steuben County, and that's where she grew up. She married the man Pauline said was "the love of her life," Vernon "Doc" Kloepfer, on Jan. 1, 1937, in Angola. The couple eventually moved to Ohio, and spent 62 years together before Doc passed away on Feb. 25, 1999.

Pauline said her best friend was "one classy lady." The two met when Mrs. Kloepfer was working as a waitress in an ice cream shop, and she remembered "the different colored high-heeled shoes, dangly earrings, the ever-present gold ankle bracelet, her hair fixed to a tee and a smile that captured your heart in an instant."

One of Mrs. Kloepfer's most endearing qualities, Pauline said, was her willingness to be a trustworthy confidante.

"We served as a sounding board for one another, we knew we could talk out our worries or frustrations and it would remain between us," she said. "We knew we could cry on each other's shoulders and let the tears dry right where they fell."

Mrs. Kloepfer loved to socialize, and rarely turned down a lunch invitation, "especially if French onion soup or Chinese was on the menu."

"Her theory was Dutch treat," Pauline said. "She paid her way."

Pauline said family was everything to her friend.

"I remember the devotion she had for her family; the care she gave her mother, the love that shone in her eyes when she spoke of her dad and the many stories she shared about her brothers and sister and their children," she said. "She loved her close nieces and nephews with a passion and they loved their Aunty Wanda with all their hearts."

Pauline called Beverly and her husband, Bob, Mrs. Kloepfer's "angels."

"There was nothing they wouldn't do for Aunty Wanda," she said. "On one of their rides, (Mrs. Kloepfer) saw a limousine and remarked she had never ridden in one. Lo and behold, her angels arranged to have a beautiful, shiny limo with a handsome driver pull up in front of her apartment, and we all had the good fortune to crawl in to help her celebrate her 90th birthday. Wanda looked like a queen on her special day, and as we came back into town, she was riding on a cloud."

Pauline remembered her friend as someone who loved to entertain, especially on New Year's Eve.

"We will long remember how Wanda would greet us at the door dressed in her beautiful formal, ready to see the old year out and the new one in, always with shrimp cocktail and a sip of something for the future ahead," she said.

Mrs. Kloepfer was a woman of great faith, attending church services regularly.

"She was on good terms with her Savior and lived her life as he intended her to live," Pauline said.

Pauline said she knows that when the end came, her friend was ready.

"Wanda fought her battle with cancer over the past year with courage, dignity and a positive attitude," she said. "When the time came, she checked herself into Hospice of Northwest Ohio with a broad smile on her face, looking at her beautiful surroundings as her first step into heaven.

"During my last words with my friend I saw the struggle in the face I loved so much and encouraged her to just close her eyes and go in peace," she continued. "She looked up and said, 'Will you go with me?' I assured her I'd be by her side as far as I could go, just as we had done for the past 61 years."

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## Laura Clouse

ALBION — Laura Catherine Patton Clouse, 96, died early Saturday, June 10, 2006, at University Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Along with being a homemaker, Mrs. Clouse had a career in sales, first with Wolf and Dessauer, Fort Wayne, and retired from L.S. Ayres, Fort Wayne, in 1972.

**Mrs. Clouse**

Mrs. Clouse shared her Christian faith with her family and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. She also established Good News Clubs in local schools under the auspices of Child Evangelism Fellowship. She was an accomplished pianist and served as pianist for many years at Burr Oak Baptist Church and other county organizations.

For many years she attended Burr Oak Baptist Church and more recently Trinity Methodist Church in Albion.

She was a 4-H leader and belonged to the Green Township Extension Homemakers Club. In 1956-57, she served as county president of the Extension Homemakers. She also served on the board of the Noble County Public Library.

Mrs. Clouse was born on April 11, 1910, in Ligonier to Frank M. and Addie J. (Compton) Patton. Her family moved to Decatur, Ill., and then to Warsaw. She graduated from Warsaw High School in 1929, then attended Indiana Central College for two years.

On Feb. 18, 1939, she married Kenneth S. Clouse. They lived in Green Township most of their 65 year marriage. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Harold Zawadzke of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Mary Clouse of Albion and Dennis and Kathy Moore-Clouse of Elgin, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers and their wives, Earl and Sybil Patton, Ralph and Earlene Patton and Howard and Helen Patton.

Services will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, at Trinity Methodist Church, Albion, with Pastor Dan Barker officiating.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship or Trinity Methodist Church, or the education mission of the donors own church.

## Martha Noe

SHIPSHEWANA — Martha J. Noe, 63, of Shipshewana died at 5:50 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital Emergency Room. Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

## Ruth Lewis

LAGRANGE — Ruth A. Lewis, 80, of LaGrange, died Saturday, June 10, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lewis retired as a clerk from Schlemmer's Hardware in LaGrange in 1986.

She was born May 9, 1926, in LaGrange to Hoyt I. and Mabel (Hilterbrant) Fuller. They preceded her is death.

She married Wayne Lewis on July 18, 1971, in Wolcottville. He preceded her in death on June 9, 1989.

She lived all her life in LaGrange.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law and a partner, David C. and Norma Tropp of Mongo, Richard A. Tropp of Virginia Beach, Va., Dennis D. Tropp and his partner Jeffrey O'Donnell of LaGrange and Michael L. and Becky Tropp of Granger; one step-son, Michael Lewis of Bristol; four stepdaughters, Martha Knepp and Ruth Ann Hoopinggarner, both of Wolcottville, and Linda Brown of LaGrange and Vickey Hicks of Topeka; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, R. Dean Fuller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldeen Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at Frurip-May Funeral home.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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# Man drowns in Fremont lake

**BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND**
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LONG BEACH LAKE — An unidentified man drowned Sunday morning when his car crashed into in a Steuben County lake, police said.

Police were withholding the name of the victim this morning until his family could be notified.

Steuben County Sheriff's Department Detective Dale Murray said the man was driving westbound on C.R. 742N and disregarded a stop sign at Long Beach Lake Lane 101. His car plunged into the lake.

The driver was the car's only occupant, police said. Rescue crews pulled him from the water and transported him to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, where he was pronounced dead shortly after arriving.

Assisting at the drowning scene were the Fremont Fire Department, Steuben County Emergency Medical Service, the Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team and the Fremont Police Department.

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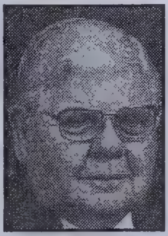
## Victor Barcus


Mr. Barcus

CHURUBUSCO — Victor D. "Tinker" Barcus, 86, of Churubusco and Garrett died Saturday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he had been a resident since July 2005.

Mr. Barcus retired in 1983 as a manufacturing engineer in the specialty motor division of General Electric after 42 years of service. He loved to travel and spent a year of his career at G.E. working in Singapore.

He was a 1938 graduate of Churubusco High School and a longtime member of Churubusco United Methodist Church where he had served on the administrative council, as treasurer and was a Sunday school teacher for high school students.

Mr. Barcus was known for his skill as a sign painter in his youth. He was also known for the special onion rings he made for Turtle Days and for roasting hogs at his daughter's farm.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Harmony Lodge 19 I.O.O.F., G.E. Apprentice Alumni Association and G.E. Quarter Century Club.

Mr. Barcus was born May 6, 1920, in Green Township, Noble County, to Adam and Mary Ann (Graumlich) Barcus. He married Naomi (Strahm) McKean on June 21, 1941, in Alexandria. She died Dec. 1, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and William Bennett of Churubusco and Beth and Kevin Leitch of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Nancy Barcus of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ida May Youse of Greencastle; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rodger Barcus; a granddaughter, Christine Bennett; two brothers, J. Ray Barcus and Joseph Barcus; and three sisters, Ruth Gabbard, Roxie Eberhard and Marie Helfich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church. An I.O.O.F. service will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Dean Huth Sr.

AUBURN — Dean L. Huth Sr., 66, of Auburn died Sunday, June 11, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Huth worked as a diesel mechanic with Radabaugh Trucking.

He was born Feb. 10, 1940, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three sons, Rick Huth, Dean L. Huth Jr. and Benjamin Huth, all of Auburn; two daughters, Melanie Huth and Sarah Huth, both of Auburn; three brothers, Alfred Huth Jr. of Florida and Richard Huth and Ervin Huth, both of Wolcottville; three sisters, Barbara Dressler of Fort Wayne, Kay Shoemaker of Avilla and Ruth McBride of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Huth; and a brother, Leon Huth.

Services will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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## Martha Noe

SHIPSHEWANA — Martha J. Noe, 63, of Shipshewana died Saturday, June 10, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Noe

Mrs. Noe had moved to the Shipshewana area in 1964 from Cleveland, Ohio.

She had worked for 24 years as a machine operator at Amerimax in Bristol.

Mrs. Noe was a member of Highland Park Baptist Church in Elkhart.

She was born Oct. 24, 1942, in Logan, W.Va., to Paul and Nancy (Hale) McDonald. She married Wade Noe on May 16, 1964, in Cleveland. He died April 4, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Melissa King of Shipshewana and Christie and Scott Nate of Osceola; a son, Gregory Noe of Shipshewana; two sisters, Eululah Turpin of White Pigeon, Mich., and Sue Fowler of Medina, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Teri McDonald of Hinckley, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Offard McDonald; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with the Rev. Floyd Hendricks of Highland Park Baptist Church in Elkhart officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Paul Cleckner

COLDWATER, Mich. — Paul Cleckner, 92, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, June 9, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Cleckner was born Feb. 25, 1914, in Steuben County to Shirley and Edith (Eisenhower) Cleckner. He married Betty Bidwell on Jan. 15, 1949, and she preceded him in death in July of 1987.

He had been a truck driver for 75 years, working for many different companies and himself, retiring in 2005. He enjoyed driving, and worked until he was 91. He was a member of the Coldwater Eagles Lodge.

Surviving are two sons, Don and John Cleckner, both of Coldwater; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and August Herman of Bronson, Mich., and Ronda and Fred Shaw of Coldwater; a special friend, Vera Manning of Quincy, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Wade and Daniel Cleckner; a half brother, Kenneth Hemry; and two half sisters, Hattie Cleckner and Mattie Honess.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, with the Rev. Harold Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Colon, Mich.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.dutcherfh.com.

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## Gladys Jackson-Vance-Powell

ANGOLA — Gladys Ilean Jackson-Vance-Powell, 78, of Angola died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at her home.

She had retired from Marion Community Schools as a teaching assistant. She was a faithful and baptized member of the Jehovah's Witness church.

She was born Sept. 2, 1927, to Glen and Jeanetta Jackson. On Dec. 8, 1994, she married Charles T. Powell, and they moved from Marion to Angola in 1996. Her husband survives in Angola.

Also surviving are her mother; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip H. and Linda Vance; a daughter, Tanya I. Washington; five grandchildren, Shawn, Corey, Oji, Matt and Aisha; three great-grandchildren, Amber, Caleb and Breana; two stepsons, Jeff and Kevin Powell; and four stepgrandchildren, Amber, Stacey, Justin and Jeff Jr.

She was preceded in death by her father; her first husband, Paul Vance; a stepson, Charles Powell Jr.; and a stepgranddaughter, DeAnna Powell.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2725 N. S.R. 827, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, care of Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, or The World Wide Work of Jehovah's Witness-Local Kingdom Hall.

Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, in Converse, was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be made at www.owenweilert-duncan.com.

## Eva Young

FORT WAYNE — Eva Helen Young, 85, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, June 11, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from St. Joe High School, International Business College and Indiana University. She retired from Medical Protective Insurance Co. of Fort Wayne as a legal secretary after 46 years of service.

She was a member of the Newville United Methodist Church.

She was born July 1, 1920, in St. Joe to Cloyd H. and Mae (Robinson) Young. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Dale Keiser of Fort Wayne; two nieces and their spouses, Patricia Lou and David Childers of Fort Wayne and Susan and David Espenlaub of Dallas, Texas; five grandnieces and grandnephews; and two great-grandnephews.

Private graveside services will be Wednesday at Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville, Ohio.

Smith and Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, is in charge of arrangements.

## Sandra Laughlin

FORT WAYNE — Sandra Lee "Sandy" Laughlin, 58, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital following an eight-month battle with cancer.

Mrs. Laughlin

Mrs. Laughlin had been employed with Campbell & Fetter Bank for 26 years.

A native of Fort Wayne, she had been a member of many business groups and organizations.

Mrs. Laughlin had taught line dancing at the Allen County Fairgrounds and the Shiloh. She was a member of the Hardwood Shiners and the Indiana Two Steppers.

She will be remembered as a vibrant woman who enjoyed dancing and surrounding herself with friends and family.

Surviving are her mother, Ruth Hudson of Fort Wayne; a son, Jason Laughlin of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Stephen Farmer of Louisville, Ky.; three grandchildren, Collin, Travis and Lillian Farmer; two brothers and a daughter-in-law, William Hudson of Fort Wayne and Dave and Lori Hudson of Roanoke; and six nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Ned Hudson, and a niece, Shari Godfrey.

Per her request, her body was donated to IU Medical Center for cancer research.

A celebration of life service will be from 6-11 p.m. Friday at the Shilo Hall, 3127 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Cancer Society.

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## Geneva Longenbaugh

COLUMBIA CITY — Geneva G. Longenbaugh, 84, of Columbia City and formerly of Kosciusko County died at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 2006, at Renaissance Village of Whitley County where she had been a resident for the past year.

**Mrs. Longenbaugh**

Mrs. Longenbaugh retired in 1980 as an elementary school teacher. She had taught in Ligonier and at West Noble.

She had also taught grade school music classes and piano at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School.

Mrs. Longenbaugh had been an active member of Morris Chapel United Methodist Church in Pierceton where she had directed the children's choir, adult choir and played the piano and organ.

She had attended Huntington College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Goshen College and a Master of Arts degree from Indiana University in Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 18, 1921, in Metz to Alva Elmer Stucker and Myrtle Grace (Clark) Stucker Towne. She married Glen Longenbaugh on Aug. 23, 1943. He died Jan. 30, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell and Ann Longenbaugh of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Glenda Kay and Jim Steward of Sunfield, Mich.; a brother, DeArle Stucker of Blissfield, Mich.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Tim and Kathy Longenbaugh and Kent and Shelby Longenbaugh, all of Columbia City, Karl and Angie Danforth of East Lansing, Mich., and Doug and Jamie Steward of Sunfield; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw with the Rev. Keith Porter officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the staff at Renaissance Village of Whitley County, 6050 S. C.R. 800E, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Columbia City Branch, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

## Kenneth Sanxter

ANGOLA — Kenneth Calvin "K.C." Sanxter, 47, of Angola died Saturday, June 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Sanxter was born March 10, 1959, in Fairbanks, Ala., to Lawrence and Sue (Goudy) Sanxter.

He was a machinist. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and enjoyed hunting, fishing and NASCAR racing.

Surviving are his mother in Angola; a brother, John Sanxter of Cottage Grove, Minn.; and two nephews, Peter and Andrew.

There will be no services or calling.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

## Retha Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Retha Smith, 93, of Kendallville died Monday, June 12, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Kaye Clark, in Topeka, Kan.

Among her survivors are two sisters, Marie Schwartz and Betty Rice, both of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

## Jacquetta Steele

PLEASANT LAKE — Jacquetta "Jackie" Steele, 97, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, June 11, 2006.

Mrs. Steele was born March 27, 1909. She had lived in Pleasant Lake since 1971. She was a registered nurse at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola for over 21 years.

Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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June 14, 2006, Wednesday

## Marie White

ANGOLA — Marie White, 91, of Angola died Monday, June 12, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. White worked as a seamstress for Tell City Chair Co. for most of her life. She also worked for Delco Electronics in Kokomo, and retired in 1982.

She enjoyed ballroom dancing, gardening, traveling and playing cards with friends. She was a talented cook and seamstress.

She was born April 1, 1915, in Cloverport, Ky., to Austin and Mary (Ramsey) Jarrett. She was married to Charles A. White on July 29, 1944, and he preceded her in death on July 5, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine and Larry Vogel of Rockport and Judy Widmer of Ventura, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Terri White of Angola; two sisters, Olivia Mirdo of Kokomo and Effie Hickerson of Tell City; a brother, Raymond Jarrett of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff and Karen Vogel and Jenny and Kyle Wilkerson, all of Rockport, Ryan and Nicole Widmer of Tipton, Erin White of Angola and Jason White of Cape Coral, Fla.; four great-grandchildren, Eric Vogel, Lauren Vogel, Emily Wilkerson and Alex Wilkerson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo, with the Rev. Ron Degraaff officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery, Kokomo.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences can be left online at www.mem.com.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun with additional information.*

## Jacquetta Steele

ANGOLA — Jacquetta "Jackie" Steele, 97, of Pleasant Lake and formerly of Angola, died Sunday, June 12, 2006.

She was a registered nurse at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola for over 21 years. She resided at Pleasant Lake since 1971.

Graveside services will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola Saturday at 11 a.m., with Norman R. Glassburn officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or an organization of the donor's choice.

## Emma Locke

LIGONIER — Emma E. Locke, 92, of Ligonier died at 3:50 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Locke

Mrs. Locke was a lifetime Ligonier resident.

She had retired from Ligonier Quality Bakery as a dishwasher.

Mrs. Locke was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed working on puzzles, gardening and playing bingo.

She was born Dec. 12, 1913, in Ligonier to Charles and Cecelia (Stewart) Sharp. She married Herschel Locke on June 10, 1930, in Ligonier. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and Denny Sanders and Sarah Housman, all of Ligonier, and Phyllis and Harold Snyder of Fort Wayne; a sister, Irene Marks of Elkhart; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 14, 2006, Wednesday

## Retha Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Retha Lucille (Herron) Smith, 93, of Kendallville died Monday, June 12, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Kaye Clark, in Topeka, Kan.

**Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith was a piano and organ teacher to many children throughout her life. She enjoyed playing for her church, always backing up her husbands' ministries with her special talent.

She was a faithful member of Faith United Methodist Church and considered her church family to be part of her own.

Mrs. Smith will be remembered as a wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, friend and a humble Christian lady.

She was born July 23, 1912, in Kendallville to Arlo Earl and Orpha Ellen (Smith) Herron.

Surviving are two sisters, Marie Schwartz and Betty Ohlwine, both of Kendallville, a daughter, Karolyn Kaye Clark of Topeka, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Allen Bowers; a brother, the Rev. Everett Herron; and three husbands, the Rev. John Thomas Bowers, the Rev. James Campbell and the Rev. Chester Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church for the air conditioning fund started by her daughter-in-law, Ann Wilson Bowers.

## Frances Beach

ANGOLA — Frances M. Beach, 83, of Angola died Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Beach lived in Angola for 20 years. She was a bus driver for Lake Ridge Schools in Gary for 17 years. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Angola. She loved to read and enjoyed playing solitaire and watching birds.

She was born June 23, 1922, in Monon to Stuart and Lillian (Stinson) Kellenburger. She was married to Sylvester "Jack" Beach on Dec. 25, 1940. He survives.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Kuiper Funeral Home, Highland. Burial will be in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and Thursday from 2-4 p.m. 6-8 p.m. at Kuiper Funeral Home.

## Bruce Jackson

AUBURN — Bruce David Jackson, 54, of Auburn died Saturday, June 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Jackson worked for E & M Tire Co. in Fort Wayne for 16 years.

He was born Jan. 9, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Dale Max and Helen Irene (Somers) Jackson. His mother preceded him in death, and his father survives at High Lake, Ind.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christina Jackson of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Dennis Rife of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Rebecca Stewart and Leslie Eckert, both of Auburn, and Debi Arambula of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Damon and Davion Williams.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Linda L. Jackson.

Services were conducted Monday in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn, with Daniel Jackson officiating.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 14, 2006, Wednesday

# Laura Catherine Patton Clouse, 96

ALBION — Laura Catherine Patton Clouse, 96, died at 1:56 A.M. Saturday, June 10, 2006, at University Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Along with being a homemaker, Mrs. Clouse had a career in sales, first with Wolf and Dessauer, Fort Wayne, and retired from L.S. Ayres, Fort Wayne, in 1972.

Mrs. Clouse shared her Christian faith with her family and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. She also established Good News Clubs in local schools under the auspices of Child Evangelism Fellowship. She was an accomplished pianist and served as pianist for many years at Burr Oak Baptist Church and other county organizations.

For many years, she attended Burr Oak Baptist Church and more recently Trinity Methodist Church in Albion.

She was a 4-H leader and belonged to the Green Township Extension Homemakers Club. In 1956-57, she served as county president of the Extension Homemakers. She also served on the board of the Noble County Public Library.

Mrs. Clouse was born on April 11, 1910, in Ligonier to Frank M. and Addie J. (Compton) Patton. Her family moved to Decatur, Ill., and then to Warsaw. She graduated from Warsaw High School in 1929, then attended Indiana Central College for two years.

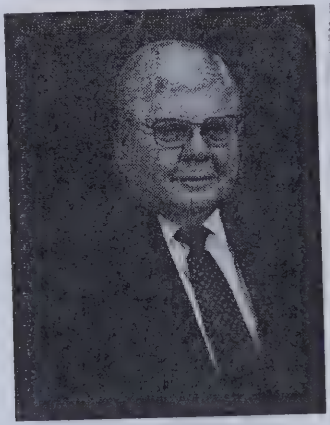
On Feb. 18, 1939, she married Kenneth S. Clouse. They lived in Green Township most of their 65 year marriage. He preceded her in death. She was also preceeded in death by her parents; three brothers and their wives, Earl and Sybil Patton, Ralph and Earlene Patton, and Howard and Helen Patton.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Harold Zawadzke of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Mary Clouse of Albion and Dennis and Kathy Moore-Clouse of Elgin, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren, with two great grandchildren due to arrive in July.

Services were held Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at Trinity Methodist Church, Albion, officated by Pastor Dan Barker.

Perferred memorials to Child Evangelism Fellowship or Trinity Methodist Church, or to the education mission of the donors own church.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 14, 2006, Wednesday



# Victor Barcus, 86

AVILLA -- Victor D. "Tinker" Barcus, 86, a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, died Saturday evening, June 10, 2006, in the Home. He had resided there since July of 2005 and formerly lived in Garrett and was a resident of Churubusco for most of his life.

Victor was born May 6, 1920, in Green Township, Noble County, a son of the late Adam S. and Mary Ann (Graumlich) Barcus. He graduated from Churubusco High School with the class of 1938 and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was united in marriage on June 21, 1941, in Alexandria, Indiana to Naomi (Strahm) McKean. She died December 1, 1993. He retired in 1983 as a Manufacturing Engineer in the Specialty Motor Division of General Electric with 42 years of service. He was a long time member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church where in earlier years, he had served on the administrative council, as well as being church treasurer and a Sunday school teacher for high school youth. He also was a member of Harmony Lodge #19 I.O.O.F., G.E. Apprentice Alumni Association, and GE Quarter Century Club. As a young man, he was known for his skill as a sign painter.

Surviving are daughters, Sue (William) Bennett of Churubusco, Beth (Kevin) Leitch of Garrett; son, Steven (Nancy) Barcus of Fort Wayne; sister, Ida May Youse of Greencastle; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Rodger Barcus, a grandchild, brothers, J. Ray and Joseph Barcus, sisters, Ruth Gabbard, Roxie Eberhard and Marie Helfrich.

Funeral services are today at 10 a.m. at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements. Harmony Lodge #19 I.O.O.F. is conducting the memorial service from 9 a.m. until service time.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist church.

Condolences are to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 15, 2006, Thursday

## June Peat

ELKHART — June Kathryn Peat, 85, of Elkhart died at 9:55 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2006, at Hubbard Hill Estates in Elkhart.

Mrs. Peat retired from Midwest Commerce Bank in 1986. She enjoyed relaxing at Lake James, traveling, reading and crossword puzzles.

She was a 1938 graduate of Angola High School, a graduate of Tri-State University and attended Indiana University. She was a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Trinity United Methodist Church, Married Women's Club, United Methodist Women and a former member of the Rho chapter of Psi Iota Xi sorority in Angola.

She was born Feb. 25, 1921, to Herman C. and Joyce (Miller) Kohl of Angola. She married William Peat on June 14, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1973.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Caryl J. and Thomas Moon of Mishawaka; four sons and daughters-in-law, William M. and Nancy Peat of Cary, N.C., David K. and Rita Peat and Jeffrey L. and Diana Peat, all of Elkhart, and John R. and Carolyn Peat of Goshen; 11 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and a sister, Virginia R. Somerlott of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Jean Golden.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, Elkhart. The Rev. Mark Fenstermacher will officiate. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church and Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or the ALS Association.

Online condolences may be left at www.hartzlergutermuthinman.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 15, 2006, Thursday

## Melvin Brazel

CROMWELL — Melvin A. Brazel, 81, of rural Cromwell died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Brazel

Mr. Brazel was a lifetime area resident. He enjoyed ice fishing, hunting and searching for mushrooms.

He was a farmer.

Mr. Brazel was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post.

He was born Sept. 18, 1924, in Elkhart County to Carl Sr. and Amelia Johana (Graening) Brazel. He married Evelyn Sloan on Aug. 25, 1947, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim A. and Darlene Brazel of Cromwell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and Mike Albaugh and Donna Sue and Larry Culp, all of Cromwell; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ralph Brazel of Elkhart, Howard and Ruth Brazel of Rossville, Ill., and Clair and Betty Brazel of Watseka, Ill.; three sisters, Inez Dull of Ligonier, Betty Hoffman of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ruth Williams-Brown of Chambersburg, Pa.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Jenny Wolgamon, Anna Lovejoy and Mary Davis; and three brothers, Carl Brazel Jr., Freddy Brazel and Russell Brazel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

## Luther Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Luther Johnson of Kendallville died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

## Richard Lieberenz Sr.

WOODRUFF — Interment services for Richard Lee Lieberenz Sr., 72, of Auburn will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Woodruff Cemetery in Woodruff.

Mr. Lieberenz died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Lieberenz retired in 2001 from Rollins Trucking after more than 35 years as a professional truck driver. He had also driven trucks for McCray Refrigeration and No-Sag.

He was well-known in Kendallville for portraying Santa Claus for 25 years.

Funeral services were June 6 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating.

Memorials are to Harbor of Love Baptist Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Michael Romine

AUBURN — Michael Romine, 58, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun with additional information.*

## Frances Beach

ANGOLA — Frances M. Beach, 83, of Angola died Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Beach lived in Angola for 20 years. She was a bus driver for Lake Ridge Schools in Gary for 17 years. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Angola. She loved to read and enjoyed playing solitaire and watching birds.

She was born June 23, 1922, in Monon to Stuart and Lillian (Stinson) Kellenburger. She married Sylvester "Jack" Beach on Dec. 25, 1940, in Huntertown. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Brenda Beach of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie L. and John E. Rock of Griffith and Dorothy and Jim Steiss of Hammond; two grandchildren, John D. and Christina Rock; two stepgrandchildren, Carol and Joey Booth; three stepgreat-grandchildren, Dawn Pherigo and Travis and Trenton Kramer; and a stepgreat-great-grandchild, Mattie Tawdul.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Kuiper Funeral Home in Highland. Burial will be in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 15, 2006, Thursday

## Geneva Longenbaugh

COLUMBIA CITY — Geneva G. Longenbaugh, 84, of Columbia City and formerly of Kosciusko County died at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 2006, at Renaissance Village of Whitley County where she had been a resident for the past year.

Mrs. Longenbaugh

Mrs. Longenbaugh retired in 1980 as an elementary school teacher. She had taught in Ligonier and at West Noble.

She had also taught grade school music classes and piano at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School.

Mrs. Longenbaugh had been an active member of Morris Chapel United Methodist Church in Pierceton where she had directed the children's choir, adult choir and played the piano and organ.

She had attended Huntington College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Goshen College and a Master of Arts degree from Indiana University in Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 18, 1921, in Metz to Alva Elmer Stucker and Myrtle Grace (Clark) Stucker Towne. She married Glen Longenbaugh on Aug. 23, 1943. He died Jan. 30, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell and Ann Longenbaugh of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Glenda Kay and Jim Steward of Sunfield, Mich.; a brother, DeArle Stucker of Blissfield, Mich.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Tim and Kathy Longenbaugh and Kent and Shelby Longenbaugh, all of Columbia City, Karl and Angie Danforth of East Lansing, Mich., and Doug and Jamie Steward of Sunfield; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today, Thursday, at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw with the Rev. Keith Porter officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the staff at Renaissance Village of Whitley County, 6050 S. C.R. 800E, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Columbia City Branch, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

## Emma Locke

LIGONIER — Emma E. Locke, 92, of Ligonier died at 3:50 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Locke

Mrs. Locke was a lifetime Ligonier resident.

She had retired from Ligonier Quality Bakery as a dishwasher.

Mrs. Locke was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed working on puzzles, gardening and playing bingo.

She was born Dec. 12, 1913, in Ligonier to Charles and Cecelia (Stewart) Sharp. She married Herschel Locke on June 10, 1930, in Ligonier. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and Denny Sanders and Sarah Housman, all of Ligonier, and Phyllis and Harold Snyder of Fort Wayne; a sister, Irene Marks of Elkhart; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling was Thursday morning at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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## Shirley Barkman

BUTLER — Shirley Y. Barkman, 88, of Butler died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Barkman was a former resident of Elkhart. She worked 25 years as a long-distance operator for General Telephone Co., retiring in 1978.

She was a graduate of Richland Center High School in California and a member of the Missionary Church and the YMCA Senior Program.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Omak, Wash., to Henry D. and Voy (Bailey) Simpson.

She married Herman E. Barkman on March 20, 1937, in Elkhart. He died in 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Sally Barkman of Auburn; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara and Roy Davidson of Olympia, Wash., and Leda Harlan of Okanogan, Wash.; and two brothers, Deane Simpson of Shelton, Wash., and Neil C. Simpson of Seattle, Wash.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Ronald Simpson, and two sisters, Betty Fay and Nelda Wilcox.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, 403 W. Franklin St., Elkhart. The Rev. Bud Walterhouse will officiate. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Condolences may be posted online at www.hartzlergutermuthinman.com

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb, 520 W. Liberty St., Butler IN 46721.

## Mary Brezovacki

ALBION — Mary L. Brezovacki, 75, of Albion and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, June 15, 2006, at her daughter's home near Albion.

Mrs. Brezovacki was born Aug. 7, 1930, in Paulding, Ohio, to Leon and Edna (Huss) Mitchell. She married George H. Brezovacki on Sept. 28. 1951, in Paulding. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 2005.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Gaylord Rauh of Albion; a son, Tom Brezovacki of Coldwater; a brother, Paul Mitchell of Bryan, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Irene Winners of Toledo, Ohio, and Ruth and Paul Steinberger of Defiance, Ohio; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Howard Mitchell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater, with the Rev. Damon Curtis of the Church of God at Bethel, Fort Wayne, officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Memorials are to Whitley County Hospice.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

## Michael Romine

AUBURN — Michael A. Romine, 58, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Romine

Mr. Romine worked as a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau Insurance Co. in Auburn for 31 years, retiring in 2003.

He served with the U.S. Army Security Administration in the Pentagon and Germany, and served as a liaison for the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Md.

Mr. Romine attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He was an avid golfer, a past member of Greenhurst Country Club and a current member of Bridgewater Golf Club.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Insurance Adjusters Association and a board member of the Judy Marsh Memorial Fund.

He was born Jan. 26, 1948, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Glen and Zella (Schwartz) Romine. His parents preceded him in death.

He married VonDle (Ewing) Romine on Dec. 28, 1968, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vonda and Chris Walker of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Hannah and Brandon Walker; seven sisters, two brothers and one stepsister.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Sherri Long will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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June 16, 2006, Friday

## Henry 'Hank' Witmer

LEO — Henry "Hank" Frederick Witmer, 84, died Wednesday evening, June 14, 2006, at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Witmer worked as a carpenter for many years with Joe Lengacher Construction and also was a farmer. He was a member of the North Leo Mennonite Church and a 33-year member of the AA Program.

He was born June 4, 1922, in Allen County to Menno and Lydia S. (Delagrange) Witmer. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Edna Mae Gerig on March 27, 1947, in Allen County. She died July 1, 2005.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, S. Cliff and Dianne Witmer of Leo, Cletus U. Witmer of Grabill and Clarence L. and Sue Witmer of Leo; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jade R. and Clint Delagrange of Spencerville, Loretta S. Witmer of Leo, Tyler D. and Randa Witmer of Leo, Shane M. and Amanda Witmer of Grabill and Lester J. Witmer of Leo; a brother and sister-in-law, Menno J. and Rosa Witmer of Leo; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Margaret M. Witmer and Mary M. Miller, both of Leo, and Kanoshia A. and Noah Delagrange of Spencerville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Eli J. Witmer; and a brother-in-law, Perry Miller.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in North Leo Mennonite Church. Burial will be in Schlatter Cemetery.

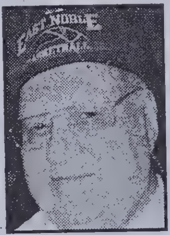
Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Northeast Allen County Fire & EMS, P.O. Box 428, Grabill, IN 46741, to North Leo Mennonite Church, P.O. Box 213, Leo, IN 46765, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

## Luther Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Luther Johnson, 81, of Kendallville died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



**Mr. Johnson**

Mr. Johnson retired in 1983 after 38 years with the Union Tank Car Co. of East Chicago.

He had attended First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge and the Indiana Harbor Masonic Lodge in Highland. He supported the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Johnson loved to attend his grandchildren's sporting events and was an avid East Noble athletics fan. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and the outdoors.

He was born Oct. 8, 1924, in Haldeman, Ky., to Martin Luther Sr. and Bessie (Fletcher) Johnson. He married Norma Lee Rodgerson on Dec. 25, 1947, in Gary. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Faye Shutz of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Marty and Traci Johnson of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Barbara Johnson of Schererville; five grandchildren, Ryan and LaDona Shutz, Christine and David Raches and Eric and Allison Shutz, all of Indianapolis, and Kyle Johnson and Morgan Johnson, both of Kendallville; and one great-grandson, William Raches of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Freeda Fraley.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Schererville with Bernard Bradley, chaplain of the Indiana Harbor Masonic Lodge, officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and 4-8 p.m. Monday at Rendina Funeral Home in Merrillville with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Barry Bolton

FORT WAYNE — Barry L. Bolton, 58, of Fort Wayne died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Bolton had lived in Fort Wayne the past 20 years.

He was disabled.

Mr. Bolton was a 1967 graduate of East Noble High School.

He was born March 11, 1948, in Garrett to Herschel and Joan (Stonestreet) Bolton. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Angela Bolton of Edon, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca and Rex Ogg of Marysville, Ohio; four nieces, Susan Foote and Dawn Ogg of Ada, Mich., Denise Sparkman of Auburn and Robin Lepper of LaOtto; and two nephews, Andrew and Lucas Sutton of LaOtto.

Graveside services were held June 9 at Cedar Chapel Cemetery south of Garrett with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne was in charge of arrangements.

## Edith Vance

LIGONIER — Edith Sutton Vance, 83, of Ligonier died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Vance retired in 1987 after serving as a secretary at West Noble Schools for many years.

She was a lifetime area resident and 1942 graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

Mrs. Vance was a past president of the West Noble American Legion Post Auxiliary and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, watching game shows and squirrels. She was a fan of Big Band and gospel music.

She was born March 28, 1923, in Noble County to Elba and Emma (Sutton) Keister. She married Robert Vance on Sept. 30, 1945, in Merriam. He died in 2004.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Lengacher and Susan Vance, both of Ligonier, Cindy and Brian Rasler of Topeka and Karen and Les Hammel of Kimmell; a sister, Dorothy Smalley of Goshen; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth McAdam and Velma Keister; and a brother, George Keister.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sheldon Crapo officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Society.

## Rev. Antony Bell

TOPEKA — Funeral services have been set for the Archpriest Antony Carl Bell, 58, pastor of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Topeka.

He died Tuesday, June 14, 2006, following a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, S.R. 5.

A continuous vigil begins at 3:15 p.m. Monday and ends at 9 a.m. Tuesday with a divine liturgy with Bishop Mark officiating.

A meal will follow at noon.

Interment will be Wednesday at the Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City, Pa.

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## Robert Sumney Sr.

LAKE WALES, Fla. — Robert W. Sumney Sr., 71, of Lake Wales died Thursday, June 15, 2006, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale.

Mr. Sumney had moved to Lake Whales in 1995 from LaGrange.

He had retired as a salesman of heavy duty trucks.

Mr. Sumney graduated in 1953 from Central High School and then served in the U.S. Air Force. He had attended Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sumney loved to fish and read.

He was a member of Elks Lodge 1197 in Kendallville, Moose Lodge 1351 in LaGrange, American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange and the D.A.V. Indiana Chapter 45.

He was born June 7, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Weldon and Esther Sumney.

Surviving are his companion, Sharlene Knowlton of Lake Wales; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and Janet Sumney of Denver, N.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Robyn and Stan Clark of Wolcottville and Shelly Hansen of Churubusco; a stepson, Rob Marquis of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Stacey Marquis of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Eugene Sumney of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and William Sumney of Angola; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Wanda Etler.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date at Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Memorials are to Lake Wales Lutheran Church, 640 S. Scenic Highway, Lake Wales, FL 33853 or Good Shepherd Hospice, 15 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, FL 33825.

## Cecil Wallace

LIGONIER — Cecil E. Wallace, 62, of Ligonier died Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

Mr. Wallace had moved to Noble County in 1989 from Cleveland, Ohio.

He had worked with a charity while living in Ohio.

Mr. Wallace enjoyed gardening and crafts.

He was born Sept. 5, 1943, in Auburn to Walter and Mabel (Gingerich) Wallace.

Surviving are a brother, Edward Wallace of DeLeon Springs, Fla.; two sisters, Hazel Smith of Cromwell and Janet Anglemeyer of Williamsburg, Ky.; a half brother, Donald Applegate of Hartford City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, William, Robert and Richard Wallace.

There will be no services.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** is *being republished with a change in information about relatives.*

## Michael Romine

AUBURN — Michael A. Romine, 58, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Romine

Mr. Romine worked as a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau Insurance Co. in Auburn for 31 years, retiring in 2003.

He served with the U.S. Army Security Administration in the Pentagon and Germany, and served as a liaison for the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Md.

Mr. Romine attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He was an avid golfer, a past member of Greenhurst Country Club and a current member of Bridgewater Golf Club.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Insurance Adjusters Association and a board member of the Judy Marsh Memorial Fund.

He was born Jan. 26, 1948, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Glen and Zella (Schwartz) Romine. His parents preceded him in death.

He married VonDle (Ewing) Romine on Dec. 28, 1968, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vonda and Chris Walker of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Hannah and Brandon Walker; four sisters, one brother and one stepsister.

Three sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Sherri Long will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

## James Elick

FORT WAYNE — James F. Elick, 70, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Bremen, Ohio, died Thursday, June 15, 2006.

He retired in 1991 after 27 years with Sears Roebuck & Co. in Lancaster, Ohio, Owensboro, Ky., and Fort Wayne. He had worked at Evans Brothers Hardware prior to retiring.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Marcelette; sons and spouses David and Virginia Elick of LaGrange and Alan and Lisa Elick of Fishers; grandchildren Stephen and Emily Elick of Fort Wayne and Lindsay and Ryan Elick of Fishers; stepgrandchildren Keith and Justin Thompson of LaGrange; brothers Charles and Larry Elick of Bremen, Ohio; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Lloyd and Gladys (Lindsey) Elick; and a brother, Kenneth Elick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Snyder-Sheridan Funeral Home, 124 Fort Street, Bremen, Ohio, with burial at Grandview Cemetery in Bremen.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Snyder-Sheridan Funeral Home in Bremen.

Memorials are to Turnstone Adult Day Service in Fort Wayne, St. Joseph United Methodist Church on Reed Road, Fort Wayne, or the First United Methodist Church of Bremen, Ohio.

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## Shirley Barkman

BUTLER — Shirley Y. Barkman, 88, formerly of Elkhart, died at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Laurels of DeKalb of natural causes.

She was a long-distance operator for General Telephone Co. and retired in 1978 after 25 years.

She was a graduate of Richland Center High School and member of California Missionary Church, and YMCA-YWCA Senior Program in Elkhart.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Omak, Wash., to Henry D. and Voy (Bailey) Simpson.

She married Herman E. Barkman on March 20, 1937, in Elkhart.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sally Barkman, Auburn; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara (Roy) Davidson, Olympia, Wash. and Leda Harlan, Okanogan, Wash.; two brothers, Deane Simpson, Shelton, Wash., and Neil C. Simpson, Seattle, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Richard and Ronald Simpson; and two sisters, Betty Fay and Nelda Wilcox.

Services were at 10 a.m. today at the Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, Elkhart.

Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The Laurels of DeKalb, 520 West Liberty Street, Butler, IN, 46721.

Online condolences may be directed to hartzlergutermuthinman.com.

## Alvin Clark

LAGRANGE — Alvin Luther Clark, 87, of Ligonier died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at his residence.

He had been a foundry worker in Kendallville for many years, and had worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps in his early years.

Mr. Clark was born May 30, 1919, in Graceland, Ky., to Harry and Effie (Hunt) Clark.

On Nov. 6, 1939, in West Virginia, he married Bonnie B. McFarland. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers; and a son, Harold Ray Clark.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Woodruff Cemetery. There is no calling.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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# Playing Santa to perfection

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**Elizabeth Roush and Jessica Warford of Kendallville meet Santa Claus impersonator Richard Lieberenz Sr. both as small girls and as seniors at East Noble High School. Lieberenz was Santa for more than 20 years at the school's "Breakfast with Santa" presented by the East Noble Theater.**

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# Richard Lieberenz Sr. was the jolly elf to a generation of kids

**BY BILL GISEL**
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KENDALLVILLE — For two generations of East Noble school district students, Richard Lee Lieberenz Sr. was Santa Claus.

Mr. Lieberenz, 67, died June 3.

"The last Christmas, he could hardly walk, but he was here," said Craig Munk, East Noble's theater director. The theater has sponsored "Breakfast with Santa" for more than 20 years, and Mr. Lieberenz played the Santa Claus role to perfection.

With his own long beard, "He was as close to the spirit of the real Santa in looks and personality as you could get," Munk said. "He just had that spirit; people were constantly telling me that for their children, it was breakfast with the real Santa."

Munk said Mr. Lieberenz will be difficult to replace.

"Every second Saturday morning of December, he would just show up" for the program, Munk said. He didn't have to be called and asked or reminded.

"One Christmas, he had just lost his wife," Munk said. "But he came, he was here for the kids."

Mr. Lieberenz also was Santa for the Downtown Business Association's annual Christmas parade, and visited with children in a little "workshop" on Main Street.

Radio personality Don Moore, who has emceed the parade since 1978, called Mr. Lieberenz "a great Santa" and said kids always looked forward to the event. Many were remembered from year to year by Mr. Lieberenz.

"He was great for the downtown, and he was great for the kids," Moore said. "He about froze to death some years, but he was there!"

To his family, Mr. Lieberenz was a great father and grandfather.

Grandson Christopher Thomas of Antwerp, Ohio, remembered his grandfather in a tribute on Christopher's personal Web site.

"He taught me a lot," Christopher wrote. "I'm not talking about the mundane knowledge that is taught in school; what I learned from him is the power of kindness and the power of words.

"He would always go out of his way to make others smile when even he was crying," he continued. "He was a big man, with an even bigger heart."

According to Christopher: "It wasn't just me he affected. I can say without a doubt ... there is no one who had ever met him that isn't sad that he is gone. He was the best grandpa that anyone could ask for, and if I am half the man he was, I will be proud."

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## Iris Beiswanger

AVILLA — Iris J. Beiswanger, 82, died Saturday, June 17, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a homemaker and a member of the South Milford Church of Christ. She was an avid Indiana University and East Noble basketball fan, enjoyed playing euchre and bingo with her friends at the Lamplighter and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Beiswanger was born in New Haven on Sept. 25, 1923, to Homer J. and Sarah E. (Schimpf) Myers. She married Arden Charles Beiswanger in October 1939 and he preceded her in death in April 1979.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dan Bieswanger of Fort Wayne, and Rick and Deb Beiswanger and Kim and Patti Beiswanger, all of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deb Pattee of West Liberty, Ohio, and Cherree and Dan Kelly of Columbia City; grandchildren and their spouses, Dan and Stacey Beiswanger Jr., Rhonda Beiswanger, Jennifer and Tim Derr, Jason and Tracey Beiswanger, Isaac and Tyler Beiswanger, Jill and Ken Furniss, Chris and Stacy Pattee, Stephan and Viviana Kelley, Joel and Bridgette Kelley, Ryan and Misty Beiswanger, Brett and Stacy, Kyle and Megan Beiswanger, Aimee and Tom Balyeat, Lucas Beiswanger, Amanda Beiswanger and Zachary Beiswanger; and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Heather Pattee, and a brother, Bud Myers.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in Corunna.

Visitation will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla or the American Cancer Society.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Martha Mapes

KENDALLVILLE — Martha A. Mapes, 90, died Sunday, June 17, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and employed with McCray Hospital for 25 years in the dietary department before retiring in 1983. She was a member of Harvest Community Church and loved reading, crocheting and working crossword puzzles.

Mrs. Mapes was born in Kendallville on August 24, 1915, to Asa and Lizzie (Conklin) McCreary, who are deceased. She married Lawrence Hiram Mapes in Albion on March 1, 1934. He died Jan. 11, 1962.

Survivors include seven daughters and four sons-in-law, Phyllis Mapes, Doris Christlieb, Mary and Ernest Knox and Nancy and Arvin Knox, all of Kendallville, Karen and Richard Bell of Churubusco, Sally Mapes of Story Lake, Hudson, and Susan and Dan Weirich of Huntertown; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Alleen Mapes of Rome City, Robert and Marcy Mapes of Red Oak, Tex., Dennis and Hazel Mapes of Kendallville, Gale and Marsha Mapes of LaGrange, and Larry Mapes of Fort Wayne; 37 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great- grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one grandchild, two great-grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dwight Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be her sons and a grandson, Adam Mapes.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the funeral.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Send condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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## Mary Rice

GOSHEN — Mary Eva Rice, 89, of Goshen died Friday, June 16, 2006, at Welcome Home Care in Goshen. She had been in declining health for the past several years.

She was born Feb.1, 1917, in Elkhart County to John and Neomah (Miller) Riegsecker, who are both deceased. She married Harry C. Rice on April 12, 1936. He survives. She was a homemaker and a member of the Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

In addition to her husband, other survivors include two daughters and son-in-laws, Dorothy and Richard Schmidt of Kansas City, Mo., and Norma and Donald Gertzman of Parkland, Fla.; two sons, Gene Rice of Goshen and Dennis Rice of Fairview, N.C.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lillian and Freed Slabach of Middlebury and Doris and Roy Keim of Goshen; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Jesse and Agnes Riegsecker of Middlebury, Duane and Ellen Riegsecker of Goshen, Richard Rice of Goshen, and Robert and Sandra Riegsecker of Ligonier.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Ellen Riegsecker and Louise Hoogenboom, and two brothers, Lloyd and John Riegsecker.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Clinton Frame Mennonite Church in Goshen with the Rev. Terry Diener officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Clinton Frame Mennonite Church in Goshen.

Miller-Stewart funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Betty Carney

LAGRANGE — Betty Carney of LaGrange died Saturday, June 17, 2006. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

## M. Virginia Miller

KENDALLVILLE — M. Virginia Miller, 91, of Kendallville died at 6:47 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006, at Kendallville Manor HeathCare Center.

Services are pending at Young Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

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## Betty Carney

LAGRANGE — Betty J. Carney, 82, of LaGrange died at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006.

Mrs. Carney had retired in 1989 after 35 years at Sealed Power in LaGrange.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in LaGrange.

Mrs. Carney enjoyed bowling and shopping.

She was born Aug. 13, 1923, in Springfield, Ohio, to Lester and Margaret Kimball. She married Robert I. Carney on Sept. 5, 1942 in Grabill. He died in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryl Cripe of LaGrange; two sons, Robert L. Carney of Goshen and Kenneth Carney of Maysville, Ky.; a sister, Ruth Ryder in Bluffton; two stepbrothers, Steven Kimball and Roger Kimball, both of Bradenton, Fla.; a stepsister, Patricia Ringler of North Creek, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Donald; a daughter, Patricia; and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Kent Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun to correct the day of services.*

## Alvin Clark

LAGRANGE — Alvin Luther Clark, 87, of Ligonier died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at his residence.

He had been a foundry worker in Kendallville for many years, and had worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps in his early years.

Mr. Clark was born May 30, 1919, in Graceland, Ky., to Harry and Effie (Hunt) Clark.

On Nov. 6, 1939, in West Virginia, he married Bonnie B. McFarland. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers; and a son, Harold Ray Clark.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesdsay day at Woodruff Cemetery. There is no calling.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

## M. Virginia Miller

KENDALLVILLE — M. Virginia Miller, 91, of Kendallville died at 6:47 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006, at Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center in Kendallville.

Mrs. Miller had been a lifetime area resident and had lived at Kendallville Manor the past nine years and prior to that at the Lamplighter.

She was a homemaker.

She was born June 19, 1914, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Clifford and Audra (Becker) Myers. She married Clyde Miller on Feb. 21, 1931, in Albion. He died Feb. 23, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Audra Conley of LaGrange and Phyllis Buker of Nashville, Tenn.; a son, Edward Miller of Avilla; two sisters, Ruby Uhl of Avilla and Virginia Simon of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Lee Myers of LaOtto and John Steckley of Palatka, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Richard Conley and Robert Buker; and a daughter-in-law, Janice Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Lynn Miller, Mark Wilson, Patrick Conley, Mike Conley, Matt Wilson and Mallory Barron.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer, Diabetes and Heart associations.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun with additional information.*

## James Elick

FORT WAYNE — James F. Elick, 70, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Bremen, Ohio, died Thursday, June 15, 2006.

He retired in 1991 after 27 years with Sears Roebuck & Co. in Lancaster, Ohio, Owensboro, Ky., and Fort Wayne. He had worked at Evans Brothers Hardware prior to retiring.

Mr. Elick was a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and former member of Bremen First United Methodist Church.

He was a former member of the Bremen-Rushcreek Township Fire Department.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Marcelette; two sons and daughters-in-law David and Virginia Elick of LaGrange and Alan and Lisa Elick of Fishers; grandchildren Stephen and Emily Elick of Fort Wayne and Lindsay and Ryan Elick of Fishers; stepgrandchildren Keith and Justin Thompson of LaGrange; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Jan Elick and Larry and Sally Elick, all of Bremen, Ohio; nieces and nephews; and his best friends, Jerry and Elaine Brylow of Milwaukee, Wis.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Lloyd and Gladys (Lindsey) Elick; and a brother, Kenneth Elick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Snyder-Sheridan Funeral Home, 124 Fort St., Bremen, Ohio, with burial at Grandview Cemetery in Bremen.

Calling was Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Snyder-Sheridan Funeral Home in Bremen.

Memorials are to Turnstone Adult Day Service, 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46805; St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835, or the First United Methodist Church, 205 Walnut St., Bremen, OH 43107

## Verna Noirot

KENDALLVILLE — Verna B. Noirot, 90, of Kendallville died at 3:43 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

## Maxine Baker

FORT WAYNE — Maxine D. Baker, 87, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, June 17, 2006, at St. Anne's Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Baker had worked in the office at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 37 years, retiring in 1980.

She was a member of Trinity Chapter 596 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Elex Club of General Electric.

Mrs. Baker loved to read, travel and sew.

She was a native of Wolcottville.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Lawrence A. Baker of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Vivian Brand of Kendallville; and a nephew and his wife, John and Mary Ann Brand of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth; and her father, George.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m Tuesday at St. Anne's Home Chapel, 1900 Randallia Drive. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements are by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville.

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## Michael Bryan

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Michael J. Bryan, 43, of Sacramento, Calif., and formerly of Orland died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in Sacramento.

**Mr. Bryan**

Mr. Bryan was born Jan. 15, 1963, in Angola. He was a software engineer at Insweb Insurance, Gold River, Calif.

He lived in Orland for 18 years and graduated from Prairie Heights High School in 1981. He graduated from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in 1985 with a double bachelor's degree in computer science and mathmatics. He lived and worked in Terre Haute for three years before moving to San Jose, Calif., where he lived and worked for 12 years. He then moved to Sacramento to work at Insweb.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Anita (Rumsey) and Trees Jackson of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Eric Anderson of Orland; a brother, Bill Bryan of Albion; three stepsisters and their spouses, Markie and John Sichting of Martinsville, Connie and Bruce Jones of Sturgis, Mich., and Toni and Rob Witzig of Ossian; four aunts and three uncles, Kathy and Bill McClish of Wolcottville, Don and Diane Rumsey of Orland, Guy and Susie Rumsey of Bedford and Diana Rumsey of Orland; 13 nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Gary Rumsey, and grandparents Katherine and Howard Rumsey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday.

## Oscar Ritchie

ROME CITY — Oscar Ritchie, 52, of Rome City died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Ritchie had lived in the area 50 years.

He was retired.

Mr. Ritchie was a member of the Bass Masters fishing club of Rome City.

He was born July 18, 1953, in Wolcottville to Oscar Sr. and Margie (Tootsie) Ritchie. He married Ilda Short in March 1991 in Rome City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janell Ritchie of Goshen; a son, Tom Combs; four sisters, May Gill and Thelma Kassee, both of Stroh, Millie Springer of Wolcottville and Kathy Ehert; and two grandchildren, Amanda Combs and Kim Blackburn.

There are no services.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society was in charge of arrangements.

## John Gilkison

MIDDLEBURY — John E. Gilkison, 77, of Middlebury died Monday, June 19, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Mr. Gilkison had lived in the area most of his life.

He had been employed by Conrail and Penn Central railroads, retiring as a foreman in 1991.

Mr. Gilkison was a member of First United Methodist Church in Middlebury.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Gilkison was an avid fisherman.

He was born March 21, 1929, in Sturgis, Mich., to Mont and Lillian (Burch) Gilkison.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Dennis and Debra Cox of Middlebury; a niece and her husband, Beverly and Jimmy Plank of Constantine, Mich.; two great-nieces; a great-great-nephew; and a great-great-niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Delores Cox.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Sam Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolence may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being rerun to correct errors made by the funeral home.*

## Betty Carney

LAGRANGE — Betty J. Carney, 82, of LaGrange died at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006.

Mrs. Carney had retired in 1989 after 35 years at Sealed Power in LaGrange.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in LaGrange.

Mrs. Carney enjoyed bowling and shopping.

She was born Sept. 3, 1923, in Springfield, Ohio, to Lester and Margaret Kimball. She married Robert I. Carney on Sept. 5, 1942, in Grabill. He died in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryl Cripe of LaGrange; two sons, Robert L. Carney of Goshen and Kenneth Carney of Maysville, Ky.; a sister, Ruth Ryder in Bluffton; two stepbrothers, Steven Kimball and Roger Kimball, both of Bradenton, Fla.; a stepsister, Patricia Ringler of North Creek, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald; a daughter, Patricia; and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Kent Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

## Alice Hollabaugh

AUBURN — Alice K. Hollabaugh, 81, of Auburn died Monday morning, June 19, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hollabaugh was a homemaker and a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 386.

She was born March 19, 1925, in Auburn to Edwin G. and Inez A. (Bishop) Wallace. She married Robert C. Hollabaugh on Nov. 21, 1951, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 2005.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul E. and Vickie Hollabaugh of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Linda S. Decker of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Zachary Decker, Adrianne L. Hollabaugh and Blaire E. Lewis.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Edwin B. Wallace and Marion E. Wallace.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Society of America-Indiana Chapter, 921 E. 56th St., Suite 203, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

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## Thomas Hornett

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas E. Hornett, 65, of Kendallville died Sunday, June 18, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hornett

Mr. Hornett was a lifetime Kendallville resident.

He had retired in December 2005 from the City of Kendallville Water Department after 30 years of service.

Mr. Hornett was a 1958 graduate of Kendallville High School.

He was an avid sports fan and the University of Notre Dame was his favorite. He also loved spending time with his family and 10 godchildren.

Mr. Hornett was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He was also a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 86, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Elks Lodge and the VFW Men's Auxiliary at Post 2749, all in Kendallville.

He was born July 3, 1940, in Kendallville to James A. and Eugenia Marie (Nesbitt) Hornett.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Bunn of Fort Wayne, and a brother, Joseph Hornett of Kendallville; and nieces and nephews, Linda Rice, Alan Wirick, Deanna Gazarek and Charles Wirick, all of Fort Wayne, Joseph Hornett of Brownsburg, Stephanie Lahr of Fort Wayne, Patrick Hornett of Lebanon, Steven Hornett of Marion, David Hornett, Joni Sible of Kendallville and Scott Gallimore of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John Hornett and Norbert Hornett.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Patrick Hornett, Steven Hornett, Joseph B. Hornett, Alan Wirick, Charles Wirick and Gregg Reidenbach. Mr. Hornett's many friends will serve as his honorary pallbearers.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or VFW Post 2749 of Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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June 21, 2006, Wednesday

## Verna Noirot

KENDALLVILLE — Verna B. Noirot, 90, of Kendallville died Sunday, June 18, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Noirot was a homemaker and lived in Fort Wayne until moving to Kendallville several years ago. She attended Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna.

She was born April 3, 1916, in Ashley to Alvin and Julia (Tracey) Hart.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Noirot of Hyden, Ky., and Ralph Noirot of Avilla; a brother, Harold Hart of Ohio; a sister, Retha Conrad of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Forrest Noirot, in 1988.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating.

There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

## Allen Ashbrook

LAGRANGE — Allen D. Ashbrook, 56, of LaGrange died at 3:39 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2006.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

## RaeAnn Biddle

SPENCERVILLE — RaeAnn Marie Biddle, infant daughter of Matthew and Angela (Kurtz) Biddle of Spencerville, died Tuesday morning, June 20, 2006, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents; four brothers, Keagan, Brennan, Conlan and Holden Biddle of Spencerville; her grandparents, Cal and Sue Kurtz of Leo and Harry and Mary Ann Carnahan of Grabill; and her aunts and an uncle, Maria Kurtz of Leo, Mel Biddle of Grabill and Michelle and Steve Stephens of Auburn.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Grabill Missionary Church. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Hope Center, 3030 Lake Ave., Suite 20, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 21, 2006, Wednesday

## Iris Beiswanger, 82

AVILLA - Iris J. Beiswanger, 82, died Saturday, June 17, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a homemaker and a member of the South Milford Church of Christ. She was an avid Indiana University and East Noble basketball fan, enjoyed playing euchre and bingo with her friends at the Lamplighter and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Beiswanger was born in New Haven on Sept. 25, 1923, to Homer J. and Sarah E. (Schimpf) Myers. She married Arden Charles Beiswanger in October 1939, and he preceded her in death in April 1979.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dan Bieswanger of Fort Wayne, and Rick and Deb Beiswanger and Kim and Patti Beiswanger, all of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deb Pattee of West Liberty, Ohio, and Cherree and Dan Kelly of Columbia City; grandchildren and their spouses, Dan and Stacey Beiswanger Jr., Rhonda Beiswanger, Jennifer and Tim Derr, Jason and Tracey Beiswanger, Isaac and Tyler Beiswanger, Jill and Ken Furniss, Chris and Stacy Pattee, Stephan and Viviana Kelley, Joel and Bridgette Kelley, Ryan and Misty Beiswanger, Brett and Stacy, Kyle and Megan Beiswanger, Aimee and Tom Balyeat, Lucas Beiswanger, Amanda Beiswanger and Zachary Beiswanger; and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Heather Pattee, and a brother, Bud Myers.

Services were held Tuesday, June 20 at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. The Rev. Mike Booher officiated. Burial took place at Fairfield Center Cemetery in Corunna.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla or the American Cancer Society.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Mary Brezovacki, 75

ALBION – Mary L. Brezovacki, 75, of Albion and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, June 15, 2006, at her daughter's home near Albion.

Mrs. Brezovacki was born Aug. 7, 1930, in Paulding, Ohio, to Leon and Edna (Huss) Mitchell. She married George H. Brezovacki on Sept. 28, 1951, in Paulding. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 2005.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Gaylord Rauh of Albion; a son Tom Brezovacki of Coldwater; a brother, Paul Mitchell of Bryan, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Irene Winners of Toledo, Ohio and Ruth and Paul Steinberger of Defiance, Ohio; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother Howard Mitchell.

Services were held at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial took place at Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater. Rev. Damon Curtis of the Church of God at Bethel, Fort Wayne officiated.

Memorials are to Whitley County Hospice.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 21, 2006, Wednesday

## M. Virginia Miller, 91

KENDALLVILLE - M. Virginia Miller, 91, of Kendallville died at 6:47 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006, at Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center in Kendallville.

Mrs. Miller had been a lifetime area resident and had lived at Kendallville Manor the past nine years and prior to that at the Lamplighter.

She was a homemaker.

She was born June 19, 1914, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Clifford and Audra (Becker) Myers. She married Clyde Miller on Feb. 21, 1931, in Albion. He died Feb. 23, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Audra Conley of LaGrange and Phyllis Buker of Nashville, Tenn.; a son, Edward Miller of Avilla; two sisters, Ruby Uhl of Avilla and Virginia Simon of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Lee Myers of LaOtto and John Steckley of Palatka, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Richard Conley and Robert Buker; and a daughter-in-law, Janice Miller.

Services were held Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. The Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiated.

Burial took place at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lynn Miller, Mark Wilson, Patrick Conley, Mike Conley, Matt Wilson and Mallory Barron.

Memorials are to the Cancer, Diabetes and Heart associations.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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## Edith Vance, 83

LIGONIER – Edith Sutton Vance, 83, of Ligonier, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Vance retired in 1987 after serving as a secretary at West Noble Schools for many years.

She was a lifetime area resident and 1942 graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

Mrs. Vance was a past president of the West Noble American Legion Post Auxiliary and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed reading, doing croswsord puzzles, watching game shows and squirrels. She was a fan of Big Band and gospel music.

She was born March 28, 1923, in Noble County to Elba and Emma (Sutton) Keister. She married Robert Vance on Sept. 30, 1945, in Merriam. He died in 2004.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law Barbara Lengacher and Susan Vance both of Ligonier, Cindy and Brian Rasler of Topeka and Karen and Les Hammel of Kimmell; a sister Dorothy Smalley of Goshen; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth McAdam and Velma Keister; and a brother, George Keister.

Services were held Sunday, June 18 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. The Rev. Sheldon Crapo officiated.

Burial will take place in Oak Park Cemetary at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Society.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 21, 2006, Wednesday

## Michael Bryan, 43

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Michael J. Bryan, 43, of Sacramento, Calif., and formerly of Orland died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in Sacramento.

Mr. Bryan was born Jan. 15, 1963, in Angola. He was a software engineer at Insweb Insurance, Gold River, Calif.

He lived in Orland for 18 years and graduated from Prairie Heights High School in 1981. He graduated from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in 1985 with a double bachelor's degree in computer science and mathematics. He lived and worked in Terre Haute for three years before moving to San Jose, Calif., where he lived and worked for 12 years. He then moved to Sacramento to work at Insweb.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Anita (Rumsey) and Trees Jackson of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Eric Anderson of Orland; a brother, Bill Bryan of Albion; three stepsisters and their spouses, Markie and John Sichting of Martinsville, Connie and Bruce Jones of Sturgis, Mich., and Toni and Rob Witzig of Ossian; four aunts and three uncles, Kathy and Bill McClish of Wolcottville, Don and Diane Rumsey of Orland, Guy and Susie Rumsey of Bedford and Diana Rumsey of Orland; 13 nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Gary Rumsey, and grandparents Katherine and Howard Rumsey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday.

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## Laura Spiller

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — Laura L. (Grimm) Spiller, 46, of Coral Springs and formerly of Topeka died Friday, June 16, 2006, at her home.

**Mrs. Spiller**

Mrs. Spiller was a legal secretary and had lived in Florida for several years.

She was a 1977 graduate of Westview High School.

Mrs. Spiller enjoyed reading, traveling and spending time at the beach with her daughters.

She was born Aug. 23, 1959, in Topeka to Earl and Evelyn (Tustison) Grimm. Her mother survives in Topeka and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are two daughters, Brittany Spiller and Brooke Spiller, both of Coral Springs; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Alison and Demorris Moore and Beth VanDeMark, all of Topeka; and two nephews, Michael VanDeMark and Christopher Moore.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Topeka United Methodist Church with the Rev. Diana Siegel officiating.

Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka. Pallbearers will be Larry Schrock, Lowel Schrock, Lynn Schrock, Michael VanDeMark and Christopher Moore.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

## Allen Ashbrook

LAGRANGE — Allen D. Ashbrook, 56, of LaGrange died at 3:39 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2006.

Mr. Ashbrook had worked in injection molding at Federal Mogul in Avilla.

He enjoyed playing bass guitar and working on and operating remote control cars.

He was born Feb. 11, 1951, in LaGrange to James and Juanita (Hull) Ashbrook. He married Brenda Allen on Nov. 19, 1988, in South Milford. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ricky Ashbrook of Michigan; a daughter, Kristy Ashbrook of Michigan; two brothers, Mike Ashbrook of Sturgis, Mich., and Darrell Ashbrook of Colon, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Bill Tuttle officiating.

There is no calling.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

## Robert Knepper

QUINCY, Mich. — Robert J. Knepper, 87, of Quincy, Mich., died Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

**Mr. Knepper**

Mr. Knepper was a retired farmer who also ended 26 years of service at The Coldwater Regional Center of Coldwater in 1977.

He was an avid baseball fan and enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a 1937 Coldwater High School graduate.

He was born Feb. 16, 1919, to William W. and Grace O. (Dicks) Knepper of Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Ethlyn Knepper of Quincy; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gerald and Carol Marsh of Quincy and Sue and James Campbell of Battle Creek, Mich.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Edward and Shirley Marsh, James and Krista Campbell, Angela and Darin Higbee and Wendy and Nick Ginsberg; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Rosemary Bradley of Quincy.

Preceding him in death were a sister-in-law, Marion Cochran; and a brother-in-law, George L. Bradley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. The Rev. Dale Miller will officiate. Burial will be at Lester Cemetery in Coldwater.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home.

Memorials are to H & C Burnside Center in Coldwater or the American Heart Association.

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## Frederick Sprague

LIGONIER — Frederick E. Sprague, 77, of Ligonier died at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Sprague had lived his entire life in the Ligonier area.

He had been a mechanic with the Indiana State Police post in Ligonier for many years before he retired in 1974. In addition, he operated Sprague Security and Lawn Service for many years.

Mr. Sprague

Mr. Sprague was a member of Clinton Brick Mennonite Church. He was also a member of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge, Ligonier Lions Club, Indiana State Police Alliance, Pioneers of the Indiana State Police, and Starcraft Campers group.

He enjoyed camping and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1928, in Goshen to Frank and Ethel (Growcock) Sprague. He was one of 19 children. He married Esther Eash on June 16, 1951, in Ligonier and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald "Jerry" and Trish Sprague of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cathy James and Margaret "Peggy" and Randy Stuckman, all of Ligonier; a brother, Forrest Glen Sprague of Ligonier; two sisters, Betty Chiddister of Ligonier and Janice Rarick of Cromwell; five grandchildren, Kenneth Sprague, Andrew Sprague, Casey James, Carrie James and Brandi Stuckman; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 10 brothers; and five sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Jim Ingold and Mike Sprague officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Brick Cemetery in Millersburg.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Clinton Brick Mennonite Church.

## Ella Miller

TOPEKA — Ella Mae Miller, 64, of Topeka died at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at her home following a brief illness.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Oct. 3, 1941, in LaGrange County to Ervin and Naomah (Miller) Slabach. She married Orva Miller on Oct. 5, 1961, in Shipshewana. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth and Harley Bender of Wolcottville, Betty and Ervin Schlabach Jr. of Millersburg, Katie and Merle Miller and Elnora and Sam Schwartz, all of Topeka, and Carolyn and Danny Miller of Middlebury; six sons and daughters-in-law, Calvin and Linda Miller, Melvin and Ruth Miller, David and Loretta Miller, all of Shipshewana, Phillip and Marilyn Miller of LaGrange, Orva Jr. and Edna Miller of Middlebury, and Glenn and Laurie Miller of Goshen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Glen and Suzanna Slabach of Syracuse and Freeman and Edna Slabach of Shipshewana; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and LeRoy Miller and Katie and Chris Miller, all of Topeka, Martha and Joe Raber of Shipshewana, and Lena and Howard Stutzman of Middlebury; a sister-in-law, Edna Slabach of Shipshewana; 57 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ervin Slabach Jr.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Ben Fry residence, 4880 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka, with Bishop Elva Lambright and home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at her home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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June 22, 2006, Thursday

## Evelyn Payton

AUBURN — Evelyn Roberta Payton, 66, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

**Mrs. Payton**

Mrs. Payton worked for Magnavox Co. in Fort Wayne for more than 30 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of the United Brethren in Christ Church in Corunna.

She was born Dec. 19, 1939, in LaGrange County to Rav W. and Hilda (Sherwood) Baird. She married Richard E. "Bub" Payton on Dec. 23, 1955, in Corunna. He preceded her in death on April 25, 2006.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rickey and Cecile Payton of Auburn, Ronald and Tina Payton of Waterloo and Lowell Payton of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Gary Dilley of Huntington and Laura and Michael Rist of South Lyons, Mich.; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Lyle and Martha Baird of Auburn, Donald and Helen Baird of Kendallville, Billy and Johanna Baird of Florida, Larry and Kay Baird of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jack and Cindy Baird of Topeka; two sisters, Patty Pierce and Tarena Longsworth, both of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Wilbur Baird.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Jason Hollopeter officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church, the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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*The Family of Bryce Armstrong*

*would like to thank everyone who thought of us in our time of loss. The compassion and caring that was shown to our family was phenomenal. We were truly touched to have such great family and friends. Bryce would have been amazed at how many people's lives that he touched.*

*Sincerely,*
*Bill & Patti Armstrong*

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 22, 2006, Thursday

## Fred Sprague

LIGONIER — Frederick "Fred" E. Sprague, 77, of Ligonier died at 6:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at his home.

**Mr. Sprague**

Mr. Sprague was born on Sept. 20, 1928 in Goshen. His parents were Frank and Ethel (Growcock) Sprague. He was one of 19 children in the family.

He lived his entire life in the Ligonier area. On June 16, 1951 he married Esther Eash, and she survives him.

Mr. Sprague served as a mechanic with the Indiana State Police Post in Ligonier for many years before he retired in 1974. In addition, he operated Sprague Security and Lawn Service for many years.

He was a member of the Clinton Brick Mennonite Church, as well as the Ligonier Masonic Lodge; Ligonier Lions Club; Indiana State Police Alliance; Pioneers of the Indiana State Police; and Starcraft Campers group.

He enjoyed camping and spending time with his grandchildren.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Gerry and Trish Sprague of rural Ligonier; daughters, Cathy James, Ligonier; and Margaret "Peggy" Stuckman and her husband, Randy, of Ligonier. He is also survived by a brother, Forrest Glen Sprague, Ligonier; and two sisters, Betty Chiddister, Ligonier; and Janice Rarick, Cromwell. He had five grandchildren: Kenneth and Andrew Sprague, Casey and Carrie James, and Brandi Stuckman. He also had five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 10 brothers and five sisters.

Services will be held Saturday, June 24 at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the home. Officiating will be Jim Ingold and Mike Sprague. Burial will take place in Clinton Brick Cemetery, Millersburg.

Memorials are to Clinton Brick Mennonite Church.

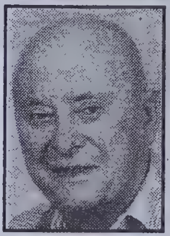
## Melvin Brazel

Melvin A. Brazel, 81, of rural Cromwell died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Brazel was a lifetime area resident. He enjoyed ice fishing, hunting and searching for mushrooms.

He was a farmer.

Mr. Brazel was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post.


**Mr. Brazel**

He was born Sept. 18, 1924, in Elkhart County to Carl Sr. and Amelia Johana (Graening) Brazel. He married Evelyn Sloan on Aug. 25, 1947, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim A. and Darlene Brazel of Cromwell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and Mike Albaugh and Donna Sue and Larry Culp, all of Cromwell; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ralph Brazel of Elkhart, Howard and Ruth Brazel of Rossville, Ill., and Clair and Betty Brazel of Watseka, Ill.; three sisters, Inez Dull of Ligonier, Betty Hoffman of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ruth Williams-Brown of Chambersburg, Pa.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Jenny Wolgamon, Anna Lovejoy and Mary Davis; and three brothers, Carl Brazel Jr., Freddy Brazel and Russell Brazel.

Services were Saturday, June 17 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling was. Friday, June 16 at the funeral home.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 22, 2006, Thursday

## Edith Vance

Edith Sutton Vance, 83, of Ligonier died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Vance retired in 1987 after serving as a secretary at West Noble Schools for many years.

She was a lifetime area resident and 1942 graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

Mrs. Vance was a past president of the West Noble American Legion Post Auxiliary and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, watching game shows and squirrels. She was a fan of Big Band and gospel music.

She was born March 28, 1923, in Noble County to Elba and Emma (Sutton) Keister. She married Robert Vance on Sept. 30, 1945, in Merriam. He died in 2004.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Lengacher and Susan Vance, both of Ligonier, Cindy and Brian Rasler of Topeka and Karen and Les Hamell of Kimmell; a sister, Dorothy Smalley of Goshen; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth McAdam and Velma Keister; and a brother, George Keister.

Services were Sunday, June 18 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sheldon Crapo officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery at a later date.

Calling was also held Sunday.

## Alvin Clark

Alvin Luther Clark, 87, of Ligonier died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at his residence.

He had been a foundry worker in Kendallville for many years, and had worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps in his early years.

Mr. Clark was born May 30, 1919, in Graceland, Ky., to Harry and Effie (Hunt) Clark.

On Nov. 6, 1939, in West Virginia, he married Bonnie B. McFarland. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers; and a son, Harold Ray Clark.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 20 at Woodruff Cemetery. There was no calling.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

## Cecil Wallace

Cecil E. Wallace, 62, of Ligonier died Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

Mr. Wallace had moved to Noble County in 1989 from Cleveland, Ohio.

He had worked with a charity while living in Ohio.

Mr. Wallace enjoyed gardening and crafts.

He was born Sept. 5, 1943, in Auburn to Walter and Mabel (Gingerich) Wallace.

Surviving are a brother, Edward Wallace of DeLeon Springs, Fla.; two sisters, Hazel Smith of Cromwell and Janet Anglemeyer of Williamsburg, Ky.; a half brother, Donald Applegate of Hartford City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, William, Robert and Richard Wallace.

There will be no services.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## The Family of Bryce Armstrong

*would like to thank everyone who thought of us in our time of loss. The compassion and caring that was shown to our family was phenomenal. We were truly touched to have such great family and friends. Bryce would have been amazed at how many people's lives that he touched.*

Sincerely,
Bill & Patti Armstrong

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 23, 2006, Friday

# Kendallville man dies in LaGrange County crash

**BY WANDA YODER**
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LAGRANGE — A Kendallville man died at the scene of a one-vehicle accident at approximately 10:50 p.m. Thursday near South Milford in LaGrange County.

Patrick A. Thurston, 35, was pronounced dead at the scene by LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney.

The cause of death, according to Coney, was asphyxia by drowning.

According to LaGrange County Sheriff's Deputy Darren Denney, Thurston was traveling north on C.R. 1000E and failed to negotiate the curve at C.R. 800S. Thurston's 1997 Chevrolet became airborne and landed in a deep ditch. Thurston was pinned under the vehicle in approximately two feet of water.

According to Coney, it was debatable whether Thurston would have survived the crash had he not ended up in water.

The crash remains under investigation.

It may be three weeks before toxicology reports are in, Coney said.

Assisting at the scene were the LaGrange County Coroner's Office, Chris Bateman of the Wolcottville Police Department, Indiana State Police trooper Lee Evans and sheriff's deputy Don Faust.

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June 23, 2006, Friday

## Harvey Oberlin

Mr. Oberlin

AUBURN — Harvey E. "Poker" Oberlin, 87, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Oberlin retired from the U.S. Post Office as a mail carrier after 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

He was a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F&AM and a member of American Legion Post 202 and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Lodge 2783, all of Butler, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Auburn Moose Lodge and The Order of the Eastern Star at Spencerville.

He enjoyed fishing and was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan.

He was born Feb. 10, 1919, in Butler to Kenneth "Jum" and Marie (Pifer) Oberlin. He married Arlene J. Balis on May 8, 1952, in Angola. She preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 1963. He then married Patricia Patrick Conway on Aug. 3, 1963, in Elkhart, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 1992.

Surviving are a companion, Laura Rosenbury of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Wayne McEntarfer of Butler and Connie Oberlin of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Oberlin of Auburn, Greg Oberlin of Madison, Wis., and Brian and Pat Conway of Madison, Wis.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Gloria Oberlin of Pinellas Park, Fla.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Maxton of Columbus, Ohio, Naomi Lamberson of Montpelier, Ohio, and Betty and Robert Miller of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Flo Oberlin of Hillsdale, Mich.; and his grandchildren, Eric Culbertson and his wife, Kristin, of Fort Wayne, Justin Culbertson and his wife, Kim, of Fort Wayne, Nathan McEntarfer and his wife, Dori, of Butler, Lindsae McEntarfer and her fiancé, Cody Mitchener, of Butler, Patrick Conway of Madison, Wis., Stephanie Conway-Eddy and her husband, Jake, of Mount Horeb, Wis., and Paige Oberlin of Palmyra, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Barbara.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Main St., Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, with military services by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund, Butler Eagles Scholarship Fund or Butler Youth League Baseball.

Condolences may be posted at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

## Russell Amaden Sr.

YODER — Russell L. Amaden Sr., 65, of Yoder died Tuesday at his home.

Mr. Amaden retired in 1996 from International Truck and Engine, where he was a principle specification compiler. He had also served in the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Yoder.

He was born Jan. 25, 1941, in St. Joe to Lee (Chick) and Bernadine Amaden. His mother survives in Hicksville, Ohio.

Also surviving are his wife, Ruth Amaden of Yoder; two sons, Craig Amaden and Russell L. Amaden Jr., both of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Todd Mercer of Edgerton, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Diane Hines of Delphos, Ohio, Michelle Kruckeberg and her husband, Jody, of Grabill and Pamela Andorfer of Urbandale, Iowa; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Judith Rapone of Leo-Cedarville, Susan and Arden Shanks of Hicksville and Lee Ann Sleesman of Charleston, S.C.; six grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Aloysius, 14623 Bluffton Road, Yoder. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Memorials are to St. Aloysius Catholic Church Building Fund or St. Aloysius Catholic School.

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## Robert Fields

ELKHART — Robert C. Fields, 87, of Elkhart died at 10:14 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Fields had lived in the Elkhart area 60 years and grew up in Woodruff. He graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1937.

He had worked as a machinist at L & J Press from 1950 to 1981. He was retired.

Mr. Fields had been an elder and Sunday school teacher at Sugar Grove Church in Goshen and had served as a sexton of Sugar Grove Cemetery for many years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and had served on the USS LMS (R) 196 as a radarman.

His hobby was farming.

He was born June 7, 1919, in Mount Hood, Ore., to Charles and Clara (Keck) Fields. He married Myrtle Christner on Feb. 15, 1941, and she died in May 1962. He then married Laurabelle (Miller) Green on Jan. 21, 1966. She survives in Lebanon, Mo.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Bill Brennan of Richmond, Texas; two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Sue Fields of Elkhart and Carl and Judy Fields of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; a stepdaughter and her husband, Virginia and Wade Rowland of Wickenburg, Ariz.; a stepson, George Green of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Jane Hass and Louise Edwards.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sugar Grove Church with the Rev. Roger Reece officiating. Burial will be in Sugar Grove Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

## Nadine Swift Teegardin

HAMILTON — A memorial service for Nadine Swift Teegardin will held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church. The service will be conducted for family and local friends.

Mrs. Swift Teegardin died Dec. 24, 2005, in Florida.

## Catherine McKinnis

FORT WAYNE — Catherine E. (Hampshire) McKinnis, 82, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McKinnis was a homemaker.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a past president of both Sigma Beta Sorority and the Fort Wayne Historical Society.

Mrs. McKinnis was a native of Kendallville.

Surviving are her husband, Robert McKinnis of Fort Wayne; a son, David McKinnis of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kaye Lynn James of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lucille Heatherington of Fort Wayne and Elanor Nitsos of San Diego, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur Hampshire.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 pm.. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.

## Homer Nusbaum

SPENCERVILLE — Homer Lee Nusbaum, 86, of Spencerville, died Friday, June 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Nusbaum worked at the Woodburn Rubber Co. from 1947-1949, Amos Delagrange Painting from 1950-1961 and Nusbaum Brothers Painting from 1961-1971. He was the owner and contractor of Nusbaum Decorating from 1971-1982. He had been a farmer in DeKalb County since 1945.

He was a member of The Gospel Tabernacle, Hicksville, Ohio, where he was a superintendent, song leader and choir director. He also belonged to American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne, the Sheriffs' Association and the Indiana Farm Bureau.

He graduated from Harlan High School in 1938. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II as a personal chef to the base commander.

He was born May 10, 1920, in Springfield Township od Allen County to Lloyd and Lo[illegible]ie (Youngker) Nusbaum. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Boylan on June 29, 1941, at The Gospel Tabernacle in Hicksville, and she survives.

Also surviving are his daughter, Imogene Nusbaum-Snyder of Fort Wayne; his adopted daughter, Lauralee Aven of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter, Inge Snyder of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Laurence, Howard, Gerwood, Nick, Robert, Russell and Joe, and two sisters, Lydia Kinsey and Mary Nusbaum.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with Pastor Phil Emerson officiating. Burial will be in the Scipio Cemetery at Harlan, with military honors conducted by American Legion Post 47.

Calling will be Monday from 4-9 p.m. and Tuesday after 10 a.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

## Patrick Thurston

KENDALLVILLE — Patrick A. Thurston, 35, of Kendallville, died at 10:53 p.m. Thursday, June 22, 2006, as a result of an automobile accident.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville.

## Lee Hunt

AUBURN — Lee Bryan Hunt, 49, of Auburn died Thursday, June 22, 2006, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hunt enjoyed computers, playing video games, gardening and most of all his cat Sylvester.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1979 to 1982.

He was a laborer and lived in the Auburn community most of his life.

On May 4, 1957, he was born in Fort Wayne to William James and Betty L. (Bellinger) Hunt.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca and Frederick Fisher of Washington, D.C., and Wendy and Ted Ragan of Columbia City.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Chapel in Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Brazzell Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.

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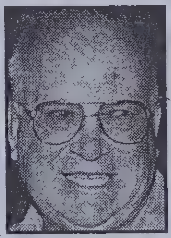
**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to include great-grandchildren.*

## Harvey Oberlin

AUBURN — Harvey E. "Poker" Oberlin, 87, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Oberlin

Mr. Oberlin retired from the U.S. Post Office as a mail carrier after 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

He was a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F&AM and a member of American Legion Post 202 and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Lodge 2783, all of Butler, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Auburn Moose Lodge and The Order of the Eastern Star at Spencerville.

He enjoyed fishing and was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan.

He was born Feb. 10, 1919, in Butler to Kenneth "Jum" and Marie (Pifer) Oberlin. He married Arlene J. Balis on May 8, 1952, in Angola. She preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 1963. He then married Patricia Patrick Conway on Aug. 3, 1963, in Elkhart, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 1992.

Surviving are a companion, Laura Rosenbury of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Wayne McEntarfer of Butler and Connie Oberlin of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Oberlin of Auburn, Greg Oberlin of Madison, Wis., and Brian and Pat Conway of Madison, Wis.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Gloria Oberlin of Pinellas Park, Fla.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Maxton of Columbus, Ohio, Naomi Lamberson of Montpelier, Ohio, and Betty and Robert Miller of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Flo Oberlin of Hillsdale, Mich.; his grandchildren, Eric Culbertson and his wife, Kristin, of Fort Wayne, Justin Culbertson and his wife, Kim, of Fort Wayne, Nathan McEntarfer and his wife, Dori, of Butler, Lindsae McEntarfer and her fiancé, Cody Mitchener, of Butler, Patrick Conway of Madison, Wis., Stephanie Conway-Eddy and her husband, Jake, of Mount Horeb, Wis., and Paige Oberlin of Palmyra, Va.; and three great-grandchildren, Emma Culbertson, and Aydan and Andrew McEntarfer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Barbara.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Main St., Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, with military services by American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund, Butler Eagles Scholarship Fund or Butler Youth League Baseball.

Condolences may be posted at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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## Helen Ulrich

BIG TURKEY LAKE — Helen T. Ulrich, 94, of Big Turkey Lake, LaGrange died Friday, June 23, 2006, at her residence.

She moved from Auburn to LaGrange County in 1948, and was retired as a registered nurse from the LaGrange County Hospital.

Mrs. Ulrich

Mrs. Ulrich was a member of First United Methodist Church of South Milford, the Sylvan Chapter 251 O.E.S., and enjoyed walks, flowers, gardening and birds.

On April 1, 1912, she was born in Sioux Falls, S.D., to Axel and Minnie (Hedstrom) Olson. On Jan. 13, 1935, she married Arwin G. "Bud" Ulrich in Sioux Falls. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1998.

Surviving are a son-in-law, James Riddelle of Vancouver, Wash.; a granddaughter, Kathryn Spencer of San Diego, Calif.; two grandsons, Jeffrey Riddelle of Richland, Wash., and Michael Riddelle of Roseto, Pa.; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Myron Olson of Hermosa, S.D.; a nephew; four nieces; an adopted daughter, Wilma Conley of LaGrange; and an adopted granddaughter, Donna Handshoe of LaGrange.

In addition to her husband, a daughter, Sharon Riddelle, preceded her in death on May 18, 2000, and her parents and three sisters also preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lake Bethel Cemetery, rural LaGrange, with the Rev. Barbara Cross and Pastor Rick Davis officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of South Milford and Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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# 2 die in van-buggy crash

## Boy remains critical at hospital

TOPEKA — A Topeka man and one of his sons died when their buggy was struck by a van Saturday afternoon just south of Emma, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department reported.

Jerry Wingard and his juvenile son were ejected from the buggy and pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, a police report said.

A second, 8-year-old son of Wingard also was ejected from the buggy. The Samaritan rescue helicopter flew him to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was listed in critical condition.

Police said Wingard, of the 5900 block of West C.R. 200S, Topeka, was driving a small pony buggy northbound on C.R. 600W at 4:50 p.m.

A 2002 Dodge Grand Caravan van driven by Sherrill D. Sturgis, 56, of the 1000 block of North C.R. 200E, LaGrange, also was traveling northbound. The right front of the van struck the buggy, the police report said.

The sheriff's department and Indiana State Police are investigating the crash. LaGrange EMS and the Topeka Fire Department assisted at the scene.

BILL GISEL

**Police, EMS medics and firefighters work at the scene where a van struck a pony buggy near Emma Saturday afternoon.**

THE NEWS SUN
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# A person who could be counted on

## Nadine Swift touched the lives of many in the Hamilton community

**BY MICHAEL MARTURELLO**
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HAMILTON — When Nadine Swift and her husband, Paul, were operating Swift's Funeral Home in Hamilton, they also doubled as the ambulance service.

That was common in small towns; with a hearse, a funeral home was often the only entity that had the capability to help those in need at the scene of a wreck or medical emergency.

"They had the funeral home here. Plus they had the ambulance service. They were all we had," said close friend Polly Racy.

But the Swifts were much more, and Nadine, who died Dec. 24, 2005, at the age of 91, was known in the Hamilton community as one who touched the lives of many.

"She was such a good businesswoman down here," Racy said.

When Racy talks about her dear friend, for whom she organized a Hamilton memorial service that was held Saturday, she speaks of Paul, too.

But it was Nadine who ran the business well past Paul's passing in 1956. The couple bought the funeral home in 1932 and it wasn't until the mid-1970s that Nadine sold it to Oberlin-Ford.

"This was a family affair. Everybody could always count on them. Whether you needed a trip somewhere, some food, anything," Racy said. "We could always count on Nadine and Paul to be by our side in good times and sad times."

After Paul died, Nadine employed various people from the community to help run the funeral home, including the likes of Howard Vaughn of Fremont and Jim Gnagy of Hamilton.

"A lot of these young guys drove the ambulance for them," said Racy, who also worked for the Swifts and later Oberlin-Ford.

Eventually Nadine remarried. Her second husband was Preston Teegardin, a well-known farmer in the Hamilton area. Later she retired to Cape Coral and Naples, Fla., living out her years as a widow a second time after Preston's passing.

Both of her husbands preceded her in death.

She had also resided in Naples, Fla.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane (Swift) Taylor and Bill Kersten of Naples; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Marilyn of Cape Coral; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

People from many locales attended Saturday's memorial service in Hamilton.

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## LaDona Kay Sawyer

AUBURN — LaDona Kay Sawyer,40, died Friday, June 23, 2006, in Auburn.

Mrs. Sawyer

Mrs. Sawyer was employed with Hoosier Wire and International Wire in Kendallville for 18 years. She loved deer hunting, woodworking, writing poetry, listening to and playing music, and she was a fan of her daughter's softball teams.

She was born Dec. 7, 1965, in Downey, Calif., to Richard Levi and Judy Lou (Barbee) Cassiday. They survive in Kendallville.

She married Johnny Sawyer on May 3, 2003, in LaGrange. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters, LaRisa Pickard and Shawna Pickard, both of Auburn; two sisters, Charlette Cassiday of Auburn and Heather Gaines of Kendallville; a niece and nephew, Alora Cassiday and Robert Barnes, both of Kendallville; and her paternal grandmother, Mary Naylor of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Roxanne and Chris Garrison of Auburn; and three stepgrandchildren, Joshua, Haley and Devon Garrison.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. The Rev. Earl Tackett will officiate. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family through www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Marguerita Gadomski

KENDALLVILLE — Marguerita "Marge" E. Gadomski, 89, died Friday, June 23, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She had lived in Kendallville for 15 years, moving from Fort Wayne. She was employed for many years by General Electric in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla and American Legion Post 240 Auxiliary, also in Avilla. She enjoyed playing bingo and being with her family.

She was born May 29, 1917, in Harrison County, Ohio, to Charles and Lillian (Lathan) Covert. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Wayne Vice of Avilla; a son, Phillip Fortman of Crescent City, Calif.; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Viola Conder of Flushing, Ohio;

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Terry Vice, and a brother, Harry Covert.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla will officiate. Burial will be in Hooper King Cemetery near Avilla.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

## Patrick Thurston

KENDALLVILLE — Patrick A. Thurston, 35, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 22, 2006, in LaGrange County.

Mr. Thurston worked as a metal polisher at Symmetry UltreXX in Avilla. He enjoyed fishing and playing darts. He had lived in Kendallville for 13 years, coming from Kokomo, where he was raised. He attended Tipton High School.

Mr. Thurston

He was born Feb. 17, 1971, in Kokomo to Carl "Mike" and April (Wendling) Thurston. His father survives in Hudson. His mother died Sept. 3, 2004.

He married Angie Mohler on Dec. 31, 1994, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Ashley Bagby of Churubusco and Amber Bagby, Brittany Bagby and Keisha Thurston, all of Kendallville; two sons, Danny Bagby and Michael Thurston, both of Kendallville; a sister, Tammy Thurston Burger of Tipton; three brothers, David Thurston of Kendallville, Brian Thurston of Muncie and Chris Thurston of Hudson; and his maternal grandmother, Phyllis Wendling of Alaska.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St. Pastor Wade Sturdivant will officiate. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery of LaGrange

Calling will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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# 3rd crash victim dies

## 8-year-old is latest casualty of van-buggy mishap

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

TOPEKA — The van-buggy crash that killed a father and his son near Topeka on Saturday afternoon has claimed a third victim.

Steven Wingard, 8, was airlifted from the scene at C.R. 600W, south of C.R. 200S, by Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He died Sunday due to injuries sustained in the accident.

Jerry Wingard, 45, and a second son, Leon Wingard, 15, both died at the scene. All three were ejected from their buggy. All were from Topeka.

The crash occurred less than a mile from the Wingard home.

According to police, Wingard was driving a small pony buggy northbound on C.R. 600W at approximately 4:50 p.m. A 2002 Dodge Grand Caravan, driven by Sherrill D. Sturgis, 56, of 1005 N. C.R. 200E, LaGrange, was also traveling north. The right front of the van struck the buggy.

"She said she just did not see it," LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene said this morning.

The incident occurred on what Dhaene described as a flat stretch of road.

According to Dhaene, the buggy was not properly marked with an orange triangular warning symbol on its rear.

Sturgis was not injured. A blood alcohol test revealed Sturgis had not been drinking.

Speed limited in the area is 30 mph.

According to Dhaene, it may be several weeks before an Indiana State Police accident reconstructionist can provide an estimated speed Sturgis was traveling when the accident occurred.

The crash still remains under investigation. No charges have been filed.

LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and LaGrange EMS were assisted at the scene by Indiana State Police, and the Topeka Fire Department.

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## Jim Leazier

CHURUBUSCO — Jim Leazier, 71, of rural Churubusco died at 12:45 a.m. Sunday, June 25, 2006, at his home. He had been seriously ill the past year.

**Mr. Leazier**

Mr. Leazier had been a bricklayer, retiring from the Brick Layers Union Local 2 after 47 years.

He was a 1952 graduate of Huntertown High School and had served in the military police with the U.S. Army.

Mr. Leazier was a member of Ducks Unlimited and a charter member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and spending time with his Labrador retrievers. He enjoyed pursuing Canada geese and had been a regular breakfast diner at the former H&O Cafe in Churubusco.

He was born Aug. 17, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Bernard and Mildred (Thomas) Leazier. He married Marilyn Zeller on Nov. 15, 1958, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Barbara Leazier and Bernard Leazier, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Doug Hofer of Huntertown; three sisters and two brother-in-law, Bonnie and Bill Kimmel and Peg Lemish, all of Churubusco, and Joann and Russ Krempel of Huntertown; six grandchildren; and cousins, nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith Lutheran Church, the Cleveland Clinic or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheets and childs.net.

## Jerry Wingard

TOPEKA — Jerry E. Wingard, 48, of Topeka died at 5:01 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2006, at the scene of a van-pony cart accident near Topeka.

Two of Wingard's sons, Leon and Steven, also died as a result of their injuries in the accident.

Mr. Wingard worked at Four-Woods Laminating in Topeka.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Wingard was born July 29, 1957, in LaGrange to Elmer and Ella (Frye) Wingard. They survive in Topeka.

He married Velda Jean Bontrager on April 4, 1984, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dale Wingard and Duane Wingard, both at home; a daughter, Lori Wingard at home; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Erma and Leonard Frey and Lora and John Beachy, all of Topeka, Ruby and Danny Troyer of Shipshewana and Ruth and Harlan Miller of Bremen; and eight brothers and seven sisters-in-law, Sam Wingard of LaGrange, David and Velda Wingard, Elmer Jr. and Eva Wingard and Danny and Loretta Wingard, all of Shipshewana, and Cletus and Jenean Wingard, Ray and Erma Wingard, Steve and Velda Wingard and Kenny and Carol Wingard, all of Topeka.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Dean, in 1991.

Services for Mr. Wigard and his sons will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the DeWayne Lehman residence, 2735 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka, with Bishop Freeman Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Ray Wingard residence, 2285 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneral-home.com.

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## John Campbell Sr.

CORUNNA — John A. Campbell Sr., 96, of Corunna died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

**Mr. Campbell**

Mr. Campbell was the owner of Campbell Body Shop and Salvage and Campbell Chevrolet, both in Kendallville, from 1938-1957. He operated Campbell Hardware Store in Kendallville from 1957 to 1967.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna and the Kendallville F&AM Lodge 276.

Mr. Campbell was a graduate of Butler High School.

He was born March 29, 1910, in Butler to Romaine and Maude (Kraun) Campbell. He married Mowitza Hood on May 10, 1931, in Butler. She died in 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John Jr. and Carolyn Campbell of Corunna; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Wayne Martin of Umittilla, Fla.; a brother, Edward Campbell of Chicago, Ill.; a sister, Geraldine Miller of Vicksburg, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Jean Frazier of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Leon Kessler of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Louise Campbell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church, C.R. 12, Corunna, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery at a later date.

Calling from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

## Daniel Weaver Jr.

ELKHART — Daniel Weaver Jr., 52, of Elkhart was found dead Friday, June 23, 2006, at his home.

**Mr. Weaver**

Mr. Weaver had worked most of his life in the RV industry and most recently at K-Z Sportsman in Shipshewana.

He was an avid NASCAR and St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

He was born Aug. 6, 1953, in LaGrange County to Daniel and Edna (Bontrager) Weaver. They are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Miller of Middlebury; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dave and Lou Weaver of Goshen, Lee and Sharon Weaver of Union, Mich., Ervin Weaver of Coldwater, Mich., and John Weaver of Elkhart; and several nieces and nephews.

Family graveside services will be Tuesday at Grace Lawn Cemetery with the Rev. Brad Price officiating.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Leon Wingard

TOPEKA — Leon J. Wingard, 15, of Topeka died at 5:01 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2006, at the scene of a van-pony cart accident near Topeka.

His father, Jerry, and a brother, Steven, also died as a result of their injuries from the accident.

He was born Oct. 16, 1990, in LaGrange to Jerry and Velda (Bontrager) Wingard. His mother survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a sister, Lori Wingard of Topeka; two brothers, Dale Wingard and Duane Wingard, both of Topeka; and his grandparents, Elmer and Ella Wingard of Topeka and Mahlon and Edna Bontrager of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Lydia Bontrager; and a brother, Dean Wingard in 1991.

Joint services for Leon and his father and brother will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the DeWayne Lehman residence, 2735 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka, with Bishop Freeman Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Ray Wingard residence, 2285 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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## William Keimer

FREMONT — William "Billy Bee" N. Keimer, 66, of Fremont died Saturday, June 24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Keimer

He was a longtime employee at Rees Inc., Fremont, and he retired in December 2004. He was a member of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257 and the Fremont Moose Lodge. His hobbies included traveling, fishing, coin collecting, camping and wine making.

Mr. Keimer was born Dec. 27, 1939, in Wyandotte, Mich.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Tana and Ronald Hochberg of Roseville, Mich., Cindy and Paul Boyd of Wyandotte and Stacy and Patrick Moran of Rowlett, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Gail Hoff of Clio, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Jo-Ann and Thomas Arnold of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Frank Edward Keimer; and a grandson, Richard Allen Overby.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olsen officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. and also one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

The family requests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice in lieu of flowers.

## Geneva Oberlin

Mrs. Oberlin

BUTLER — Geneva Oberlin, 98, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Oberlin lived in Fort Wayne for many years, raising her family there. Later, they moved to Butler, where they lived for many years.

She was born Aug. 3, 1907, to Commadore and Ada Hagerty. She married Glenn D. Oberlin on April 19, 1924, in Angola. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Ilo Oberlin of Fort Wayne; a daughter, E. Jean Bowen of Butler; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Donald; a grandchild; a great-grandchild; four brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Main St., Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Retirement Home.

## Steven Wingard

TOPEKA — Steven J. Wingard, 8, of Topeka died at 8:29 a.m. Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of injuries he sustained in a van-pony cart accident Saturday near Topeka.

His father and a brother died at the scene of the accident.

He was born Nov. 25, 1997, in Topeka to Jerry and Velda (Bontrager) Wingard. His mother survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a sister, Lori Wingard of Topeka; two brothers, Dale Wingard and Duane Wingard, both of Topeka; and his grandparents, Elmer and Ella Wingard of Topeka and Mahlon and Edna Bontrager of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Lydia Bontrager; and a brother, Dean Wingard, in 1991.

Joint services for Steven and his father and brother will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the DeWayne Lehman residence, 2735 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka, with Bishop Freeman Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Ray Wingard residence, 2285 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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## Norris Richmond

ANGOLA — Norris D. Richmond, 81, of Angola died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Richmond

Mr. Richmond was born Nov. 2, 1924, in Angola to Dorris M. and Etta May (Fair) Richmond. He married Bonita DeLong on Nov. 27, 1968, and she preceded him in death in 2001.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a lineman and installer for General Telephone for 36 years, retiring on Dec. 31, 1983. He had also worked at Hartford Concrete in Ashley for six years. He was a member of Angola Christian Church.

He was a life member of the George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205 in Angola and Angola American Legion Post No. 31, where he was five times a past commander. He was a member of the 40 & 8.

He was very active with the legion, where he was a part-time bartender and a frequent volunteer.

Surviving are four sons, Dennis Richmond of Butler, William Richmond and Jeff Hinkley, both of Hamilton, and Ted Hinkley of Angola; five daughters, Diana Delle of Colon, Mich., Beverly McPhearson of Hudson and Teresa Stomm and Barbara Wolf, both of Angola; three brothers, Owen E. Richmond and Dewayne A. Richmond, both of Florida and Laurel Richmond of Columbia City; 25 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Dorothy Krontz and Pamela Sue Richmond, and a son, Mark Hinkley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert and Laurel Richmond officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with military graveside rites performed by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to Angola American Legion Post No. 31 or the Ed Everett Fund, which is housed at the Steuben County Community Foundation.

## Opal Myers

GARRETT — Opal E. Myers, 79, of Garrett died Monday, June 26, 2006, at her home.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., she retired in 1990 from Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. after 24 years of service. She was a member of Garrett Country Club and American Legion Post 178 Women's Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, William Myers of Garrett; three sons, Edward Hills of Boone, N.C., and Matt Myers and Joe Myers both of Tempe, Ariz; a daughter, Deborah Hopf of Cary, N.C.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jim Kinsey of Fort Wayne and Robert Kinsey and Larry Kinsey, both of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Kinsey.

Their will be no calling or services.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, the American Cancer Society or Coram Health Care.

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## Bettie Tackitt

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Bettie Tackitt, 77, of Montgomery, Mich. died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Tackitt was born in Steuben County on Dec. 23, 1928, to George Firm Rummel and Thelma Marie (Jordan) Lewis. She was married to Delsmer Ora Tackitt on July 25, 1964, in Alum Creek, Ohio and he preceded her in death on March 25, 2006.

She was a homemaker. Her hobbies included reading, singing and playing music and helping her extended family in the Amish community.

Surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Kathy and Michael Parshall of Albion, Mich., Karen and Richard Stevens of Bonita Springs, Fla., Karleen Cruse of Hawaii, Linda and James Yarbrough of Florida, Patricia and Curt Savage of Iola and Shirley and Tom Henson of Xenia, Ohio; and five sons and three daughters-in-law, Klifton Crawford of East Sparta, Ohio, Kip Crawford of Hillsdale, Mich., William and Judy Tackitt of Huntington, Don and Linda Tackitt and Michael and Bonnie Tackitt of Monticello, Ill.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two grandchildren and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ray Community Church, Fremont, with the Rev. Jim Hazekamp officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

## Rhoda Kinney

AUBURN — Rhoda M. Kinney, 88, of Auburn, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Kinney was a homemaker.

She was born March 3, 1918, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Lee Clair and Elizabeth (Morrow) Morre. They preceded her in death.

She married Wilson Woodrow Kinney in 1945. He died in 1980.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Meletta Mason of Corunna and Floyd and Kleota Mason of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Connie Mason of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a son, Carl Lee Mason, two sisters, Wetiva Young and Cylvia Redding; and a half-brother, John Donner.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna, with the Rev. Mike Sassanella officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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# Juan Campos

TOPEKA — Juan "John" Bautista Campos, 72, died Saturday, June 24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Campos had lived in the area since 1959.

He was the owner of BJ Burritos in Topeka.

Mr. Campos was a member of Iglesia Sinai Pentecostal Church.

Mr. Campos

He was born Aug. 29, 1933, in Los Ramones, NL, Mexico, to Felipe and Belen (DeLeon) Campos. He married Barbara Garza on Feb. 5, 1955, in Mexico. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Ludivina Marin and Jenoveva and Rafael Flores, all of Topeka, and Noelia Campos of Millersburg; two sons and daughters-in-law, Felipe and Sue Campos of Wessington Springs, S.D., and John Jr. and Sara Compos of Topeka; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Julie and Ramiro Garza of Prosser, Wash., Josefa and Miguel Valdez of Ramonville, Texas, and Noemi and Israel DeLeon of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Noe and Blanca Campos of Goshen and Lazaro and Paty Campos of Omaha, Neb.; a sister-in-law, Juanita Campos of Hurrah, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Oscar Sanchez of Moses Lake, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Agustnia Sanchez; and a brother, Luis Campos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Iglesia Sinai Pentecostal Church in Goshen with the Rev. Noe Campos officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Emma Mennonite Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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## James Dunn

GARRETT — James David Dunn, 45, of Garrett died Saturday, June 24, 2006.

A truck driver for Group Dekko in Kendallville, he also had formerly driven for Watkins Oil in Titusville.

Mr. Dunn

Born Sept. 18, 1960, in Hazard, Ky., he had formerly lived in Titusville, Fla.

Surviving are his wife, Kandi Dunn of Garrett; a son, Zachary Dunn of Avilla; his father and stepmother, Earl and Betty Dunn of Viper, Ky.; three stepdaughters, Barbara Turner, Hope Turner and Crystal Turner, all of Garrett; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Patricia and Norman Sumner of Vicco, Ky., Barbara Combs of Kendallville, Deb and Jerry McCann of Kendallville, Connie and Jerry Bock of Garrett, Tina Marker of Waterloo and Sandy and Mike Lewis of Viper.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Combs; and a sister, Sharon Day.

Private family services will be held, with burial in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family.

Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

## Regina King

MIDDLEBURY — Regina Diane King, 3, of Middlebury died at 3:35 p.m. Monday, June 26, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen from injuries she received in a hay wagon accident Monday on the family farm.

She was born Aug. 19, 2002, in Goshen to Marlin and Carla (Schwartz) King. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Cheryl, at home; a brother, Joe, at home; grandparents, Wilma King of Middlebury and Lloyd and Mary Schwartz of Etna Green; and great-grandparents, Elizabeth Miller of Bremen and Joe Schwartz of Etna Green.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Melvin King.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence with Bishop LeRoy Lehman and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family home. No calling on Thursday.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Kirk McGuire

AVILLA — Kirk K. McGuire, 87, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at his rural Avilla home.

Mr. McGuire had been an electrician at Sacred Heart Home, working on boilers and in the maintenance department.

He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart after being wounded in action.

Mr. McGuire was a member of the National Association of Railway Passengers and the Ark Christian Fellowship Church in Avilla.

He was born March 15, 1919, in Fort Wayne to James and Mary (Klaren) McGuire.

Surviving are family members, Jim Lindley of Wolcottville, Bob and Sandra Mitchell, the Steve and Dianne Wineland family, the Michael and Kelly Dobson family, Doug and Nancy Haywood, Jeff and Stephanie Kirkwood, Jim Lindley III, the Kenneth and Tammy Lindley family; and his church family and friends.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at the Ark Christian Fellowship.

There is no calling.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. McGuire requested supplies or toys for children be donated to the Charis House Shelter for women and children. They may be dropped off at the Ark Fellowship Church in Avilla or sent to Charis House, P.O. Box 11116, Fort Wayne, IN.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

## Norris Richmond

Mr. Richmond

ANGOLA — Norris D. Richmond, 81, of Angola died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Richmond was a lineman and installer for General Telephone for 36 years, retiring on Dec. 31, 1983. He had also worked at Hartford Concrete in Ashley for six years. He was a member of Angola Christian Church.

A World War II Army veteran, he was a life member of the George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205 in Angola and Angola American Legion Post No. 31, where he was five times a past commander. He was a member of the 40 & 8.

He was very active with the Legion, where he was a part-time bartender and a frequent volunteer.

Mr. Richmond was born Nov. 2, 1924, in Angola to Dorris M. and Etta May (Fair) Richmond. He married Bonita DeLong on Nov. 27, 1968, and she preceded him in death in 2001.

Surviving are four sons, Dennis Richmond of Butler, William Richmond and Jeff Hinkley, both of Hamilton, and Ted Hinkley of Angola; five daughters, Diana Delle of Colon, Mich., Beverly McPhearson of Hudson and Teresa Stomm, Barbara Wolf and Bobbi "Joni" Timpe, all of Angola; three brothers, Owen E. Richmond and Dewayne A. Richmond, both of Florida, and Laurel Richmond of Columbia City; 25 grandchildren; and 50 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Dorothy Krontz and Pamela Sue Richmond; and a son, Mark Hinkley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert and Laurel Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with military graveside rites performed by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to Angola American Legion Post No. 31, the Steuben County Cancer Society or the Ed Everett Fund, which is housed at the Steuben County Community Foundation.

## Margaret Wagner

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Margaret A. Wagner, 89, died Monday, June 26, 2006, in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Wagner was a former resident of Howe where she and her husband owned the Shell Station.

She was also a homemaker.

She was born on March 5, 1917, in Traverse City, Mich., to Amos and Edna Kennedy. She married Arnold Wagner on May 19, 1944, in Grand Haven, Mich. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Wagner was a former member of the Howe United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Cherie Wagner of LaGrange and Gary and Sharon Wagner of Oklahoma City; and two grandchildren, Kristie Wagner of Indianapolis and Michael Wagner of Vero Beach, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and eight brothers and sisters.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

## Ruby Guy

FORT WAYNE — Ruby Lucille Guy, 84, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Among her survivors are daughters, Jean Starkey of Wolf Lake and Kathy Fletcher of Huntertown.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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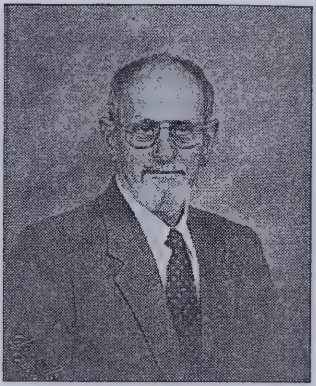

## Jim Leazier, 71

Jim Leazier, 71 of rural Churubusco in Allen County, died Sunday at 12:45 a.m. at the family residence in Eel River Township. He had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past year.

Mr. Leazier was born on August 17, 1934 in Fort Wayne, a son of Bernard B. and Mildred (Thomas) Leazier. He lived in Lansing, Michigan as a small child before returning to Fort Wayne. The family moved to Eel River Township, northeast of Churubusco, and he graduated from Huntertown High School in 1952. As a young man, he served in the military police with the U.S. Army.

On November 15, 1958 he was married in Fort Wayne to Marilyn M. Zeller. The couple has lived all of their married life in Eel River Township.

A professional brick layer, he retired in 1996 from the Brick Layers Union Local No. 2 where he had been a member for 47 years. He was also a member of Ducks Unlimited and was a charter member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

In his leisure time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and his Labrador Retrievers. In his later years he enjoyed the pursuit of Canadian Geese and was always a regular for breakfast and coffee at the former H & O Cafe in Churubusco.

The surviving relatives include his wife Marilyn; his children James E. (Barbara) Leazier and Bernard B. Leazier, both of Fort Wayne, and Karen (Doug) Hofer of Huntertown; his sisters Bonnie (Bill) Kimmel and Peg Lemish, both of Churubusco and Joann (Russ) Krempel of Huntertown; grandchildren Reid Leazier, Spencer Leazier, Olivia Leazier, Laura Hofer, Jared Hofer and Ian Leazier; and several cousins, and nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Pastor Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiated.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Faith Lutheran Church, the Cleveland Clinic or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

## Marguerita (Marge) E. Gadomski, 89

Marguerita (Marge) E. Gadomski died Friday, June 23, 2006 at the Shepherd Of The Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Marguerita was born in Harrison County, Ohio on May 29, 1917 to Charles and Lillian (Lathan) Covert.

She had lived in the community for the past 15 years after coming from the Fort Wayne area where she had worked at General Electric for many years.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla and the Avilla American Legion Post #240 Auxiliary.

Marguerita enjoyed playing bingo and spending time with her family.

Survivors include 1 daughter: Janet (Wayne) Vice of Avilla and 1 son: Phillip Fortman of Crescent City, CA. 5 granchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. 1 sister Viola Conder of Flushing Ohio.

Deceased were one grandson Terry Vice and one brother Harry Covert along with her parents.

Services were held at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel on June 27, 2006. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla officiated the service. Burial was at the Hooper King Cemetery near Avilla.

Preferred memorials go to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

ALBION NEW ERA
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## Lee Bryan Hunt, 49

Lee Bryan Hunt, 49 passed away at the Hospice Home of North East Indiana in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on Thursday June 22, 2006.

Mr. Hunt was born in Fort Wayne to William James and Betty L. (Bellinger) Hunt in Fort Wayne on May 4, 1957. Both parents are deceased.

Lee worked as a laborer and had lived in the area most of his life. He enjoyed computers, playing video games, gardening and most of all his cat Sylvester.

He served in the US Army from 1979 to 1982.

Survivors include 2 sisters and brothers-in-laws: Rebecca (Frederick) Fisher of Washington D.C. and Wendy (Ted) Ragan of Columbia City, Indiana.

Services were arranged by Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel and took place at Calvary Chapel in Auburn, Indiana on Monday June 26. Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are to Kidney Foundation or to the Hospice Home of North East Indiana.

## Carl Stahlhut, 97

FORT WAYNE – Carl Stahlhut, 97, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, June 25, 2006, at 3:36 a.m. at his residence.

Mr. Stahlhut was born October 12, 1908, in Fort Wayne, and he was the son of the late Henry and Kathryn Stahlhut. He was a lifelong self-employed farmer and member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy (Thomas) Perl of Fort Wayne and Carol (George) McBride of Churubusco; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Ella Dreyer of Fort Wayne; and brother, Paul Stahlhut of Fort Wayne. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Vera (Hormann).

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. today at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church with visitation one hour prior. The Rev. Richard K. Smith will officiate.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund.

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## Theodore Schroeder

WOLCOTTVILLE — Theodore Daniel Schroeder, 66, of Wolcottville died April 5, 2006, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schroeder had moved to LaGrange in 1987 from Hobart.

He had worked in maintenance at Vencor Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Schroeder has served in the military police in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police in Hobart.

He was born July 5, 1939, in Gary to Theodore and Anita (Hooper) Schroeder. They are deceased. He married Sharon Hrapcak on Dec. 1, 1963, in Wheeler. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Norman Lovely of Livonia, Mich., and Suzanne and Kenneth Malone of Sturgis, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Theodore Schroeder of Waterloo and Timothy and Konnie Schroeder of Crown Point; two sisters, Betsy Kimpan and Marilane Schroeder, both of Illinois; a cousin, Kenny Schroeder of Columbus; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church at Wolcottville with the Rev. James Tews officiating.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruipmayfuneralhome.com.

## Ruby Guy

FORT WAYNE — Ruby Lucile Guy, 84, of Fort Wayne died at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since Friday.

Mrs. Guy was a homemaker who was devoted to her family.

She enjoyed gardening and working in her yard.

A native of Collins, she was born Oct. 19, 1921, to William and Alta (Tulley) Summers. She married Richard Guy on Sept. 15, 1940. He died Jan. 29, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Roy "Bud" Starkey of Wolf Lake and Kathy and Robert Fletcher of Huntertown; a sister, Doris Bailey of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Irene Barker, Eva Marvel and Edna Summers; and a brother, Franklin Summers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

## Sally Timmerman

CHURUBUSCO — Sally A. Timmerman, 67, of Churubusco died at 8:19 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack at her home.

Mrs. Timmerman was a 1956 graduate of Huntertown High School.

She was born Aug. 3, 1938, in Wallen to Nolan "Bud" and Dorothy (Golden) Tom. She married Don Timmerman on April 27, 1957, in Wallen. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Susan Merriman of Avilla; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Dana Timmerman of Avilla, Dean and Melanie Timmerman of LaOtto and Kris and Teresa Timmerman of Huntertown; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Leland "Dubb" Coak of Fort Wayne; a brother, Thomas Tom of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Betty Tom of Angola; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Denny Leinbach of Bethel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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## Kirk McGuire

AVILLA — Kirk K. McGuire, 87, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at his rural Avilla home.

Mr. McGuire had been an electrician at Sacred Heart Home, working on boilers and in the maintenance department.

He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart after being wounded in action.

Mr. McGuire was a member of the National Association of Railway Passengers and the Ark Christian Fellowship Church in Avilla.

He was born March 15, 1919, in Fort Wayne to James and Mary (Klaren) McGuire.

Surviving are family members, Jim Lindley of Wolcottville, Bob and Sandra Mitchell, the Steve and Dianne Wineland family, the Michael and Kelly Dodson family, Doug and Nancy Haywood, Jeff and Stephanie Kirkwood, Jim Lindley III, the Kenneth and Tammy Lindley family; and his church family and friends.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at the Ark Christian Fellowship.

There is no calling.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. McGuire requested supplies or toys for children be donated to the Charis House Shelter for women and children. They may be dropped off at the Ark Fellowship Church in Avilla or sent to Charis House, P.O. Box 11116, Fort Wayne, IN.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

## Ethel Blevins

AUBURN — Ethel "Marie" Blevins, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, under the care of Hospice of Citrus County, Fla.

Mrs. Blevins had worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn, retiring after 45 years of service.

She moved to Florida three years ago to be cared for by her daughter, Beverly Shevchik. Her daughter survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Pearl Stebing of Leo; three nephews, Ed Aschliman of Pinehurst, N.C., John Aschliman of Auburn and Donald Aschliman of Lafayette; and two nieces, Jaumine Whitacre of Peru and Charmane Kershner of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clair.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

## Kenneth Shaffer

GARRETT — Kenneth L. "Butch" Shaffer, 64, of Garrett died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shaffer was a truck driver for Evans Trucking in Butler until 2005 and was a member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born Aug. 22, 1941, in Fort Wayne to Kenneth and Betty (Pitney) Shaffer.

On Oct. 4, 1986, he married Emma L. Kuhn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Erin Rose and Lana Pitney, both of Garrett; a brother, Fred Shaffer of Wapakoneta, Ohio; a sister, Linda Ritchie of Kendallville; and four granddaughters, Haley Spangler, Sierra Rose, Emily Rose and Cheyenne Rose, all of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bill Shaffer and Steve Shaffer.

Services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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## George Miller

ANGOLA — George E. Miller Sr., 86, of Angola and formerly of Chester, Mass., died Monday, June 26, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Miller was a retired road superintendent for the town of Chester. He had lived in Angola for eight years. He had also lived in Homosassa Springs, Fla., for 33 years and lived in Chester from 1920-1968.

He attended Chester High School and was the previous owner of G.E. Miller Trucking Co. He enjoyed camping and traveling.

He was born April 3, 1920, in St. John's, New Brunswick, Canada, to William E. and Frances G. (Smith) Miller.

Surviving are two sons, George E. Miller of Lanesboro, Mass., and Paul W. Miller of Westfield, Mass.; a daughter, Barbara M. Miller-Henderson of Harrison, Idaho; three sisters, May Diemer of Huntington, Mass., Helen Casineau of West Springfield, Mass., and Ruth Whalen of Westfield; his longtime companion, Wauneta S. Brown of Angola; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette M. (Smith) Miller; a son, Robert J. Miller; three brothers, William, Wilfred and John Miller; and a sister, Anna Brooks.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Zion Missionary Church, Fremont.

Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery, Huntington, Mass.

Memorials are to Association for the Blind Citizens, P.O. Box 246, Holbrook, MA 02343 or to the Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of local arrangements.

## Martha Beard

BUTLER — Martha J. Beard, 52, of rural Butler died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she was a patient.

Arrangements are pending at Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton, Ohio.

## Marjorie Blevins

AUBURN — Marjorie A. Blevins, 96, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** *is being reprinted with new information.*

## Opal Myers

GARRETT — Opal E. Myers of Garrett died Monday, June 26, 2006, at her home.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., she retired in 1990 from Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. after 24 years of service. She was a member of Garrett Country Club and American Legion Post 178 Women's Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, William Myers of Garrett; three sons, Edward Hills of Boone, N.C., and Matt Myers and Joe Myers, both of Tempe, Ariz; a daughter, Deborah Hopf of Cary, N.C.; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jim Kinsey of Fort Wayne and Robert Kinsey and Larry Kinsey, both of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn W. and Mary E. (Sheardy) Kinsey; and a brother, Donald Kinsey.

Their will be no calling or services.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, the American Cancer Society or Coram Health Care.

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# Juan Campos

TOPEKA — Juan "John" Bautista Campos, 72, died Saturday, June 24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Campos had lived in the area since 1959.

He was the owner of BJ Burritos in Topeka.

Mr. Campos was a member of Iglesia Sinai Pentecostal Church.

He was born Aug. 29, 1933, in Los Ramones, NL, Mexico, to Felipe and Belen (DeLeon) Campos. He married Barbara Garza on Feb. 5, 1955, in Mexico. She survives.

Mr. Campos

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Ludivina Marin and Jenoveva and Rafael Flores, all of Topeka, and Noelia Campos of Millersburg; two sons and daughters-in-law, Felipe and Sue Campos of Wessington Springs, S.D., and John Jr. and Sara Compos of Topeka; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Julie and Ramiro Garza of Prosser, Wash., Josefa and Miguel Valdez of Ramonville, Texas, and Noemi and Israel DeLeon of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Noe and Blanca Campos of Goshen and Lazaro and Paty Campos of Omaha, Neb.; a sister-in-law, Juanita Campos of Hurrah, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Oscar Sanchez of Moses Lake, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Agustnia Sanchez; and a brother, Luis Campos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Iglesia Sinai Pentecostal Church in Goshen with the Rev. Noe Campos officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Emma Mennonite Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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June 30, 2006, Friday

## Marjorie Blevins

AUBURN — Marjorie A. Blevins, 96, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Blevins worked as a machine operator at Rieke Corp. for 25 years, retiring in 1974. She was a member of the Auburn Women of the Moose.

She was born Nov. 29, 1909, in Elwood to Jesse M. and Emma A. (McPhearson) Davis. She married George Blevins on Sept. 28, 1929, in Warsaw. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1990.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Blevins of North Highlands, Calif., Jerry Blevins of Auburn, Calif., and Jacob Blevins of Auburn; a daughter, Barbara Phillips of Auburn; 21 grandchildren, including Lana Ott of Pittsburgh, Pa., whom Mrs. Blevins raised; 32 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, James Blevins; two brothers, Donald Davis and Robert Davis; and two grandchildren, Jason Blevins and Kathie Ann Chastine, whom she also raised.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Elwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

## Justin Gerbers

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Justin P. Gerbers, 23, died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gerbers graduated in 2001 from Woodlan High School, where he played football and basketball. He was employed with Knapp's Lawn Service of Fort Wayne. He enjoyed golfing with his brothers and playing pool. He was a sports fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and Indiana University.

He was born Oct. 15. 1982, in Fort Wayne to Randy and Reggie (Jones) Gerbers.

Surviving are his parents, Randy and Dawna Gerbers and Reggie and Lindsey Kees, all of Hicksville, Ohio; two brothers, Scott and Jordan Gerbers, both of Hicksville; his grandparents, Melvin and Betty Gerbers of Woodburn and Mary Ann Wright of Hicksville; stepgrandparents, Norbert and Anna Mae Kees of Hicksville; and a stepsister, Nikki Kees of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Paul Jones.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church of Hicksville. Father Thomas Oedy will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling will be today from 1-5 and 6-9 p.m. at Smith and Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, and Saturday after 9 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Memorials are to the Justin Gerbers Memorial Fund.

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## Martha Beard

Mrs. Beard

BUTLER — Martha J. Beard, 52, of rural Butler died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after an extended illness.

Mrs. Beard was a graduate of Eastside High School and was employed as a teacher's assistant at the Children First Center in Auburn from 1989-97 and at Lexington Elementary School in Lexington, S.C. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ near St. Joe.

She was born July 16, 1953, in DeKalb County, to Harold and Alice (Hart) Kagey. She married Ronald D. Beard on June 23, 1973, at Coburn Corners, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Tara Beard of Lexington, S.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura Beard of Auburn and Alicia and Michael Graves of Auburn; three grandchildren, T.J. Beard and Katie and Ethan Graves; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Vicki Reed of South Bend; nine sisters and five brothers-in-law, Anne Reas of Columbus, Ohio, Linda Hammon of Waterloo, Marie and Jerry Logenbaugh of Pendleton, Mary and Ron Miller of Auburn, Jennifer and Randy Putt of Vicksburg, Mich., Dianna and John Huttson of Boerne, Texas, Ruth and Wayne Butler of Bucyrus, Ohio, Donna Oswalt of Mishawaka, and Elaine Thorpe of Citrus Heights, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Kagey.

A celebration of life service will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ with Pastor Dave Turpen officiating. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio.

There will be no public visitation.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

## Jerry Steck

FORT WAYNE — Jerry Steck, 83, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Steck was born in Michigan on June 19, 1923, to Viola (Smith) Steck. He was a farmer.

Surviving are aunts and cousins.

No services or calling will be held.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

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